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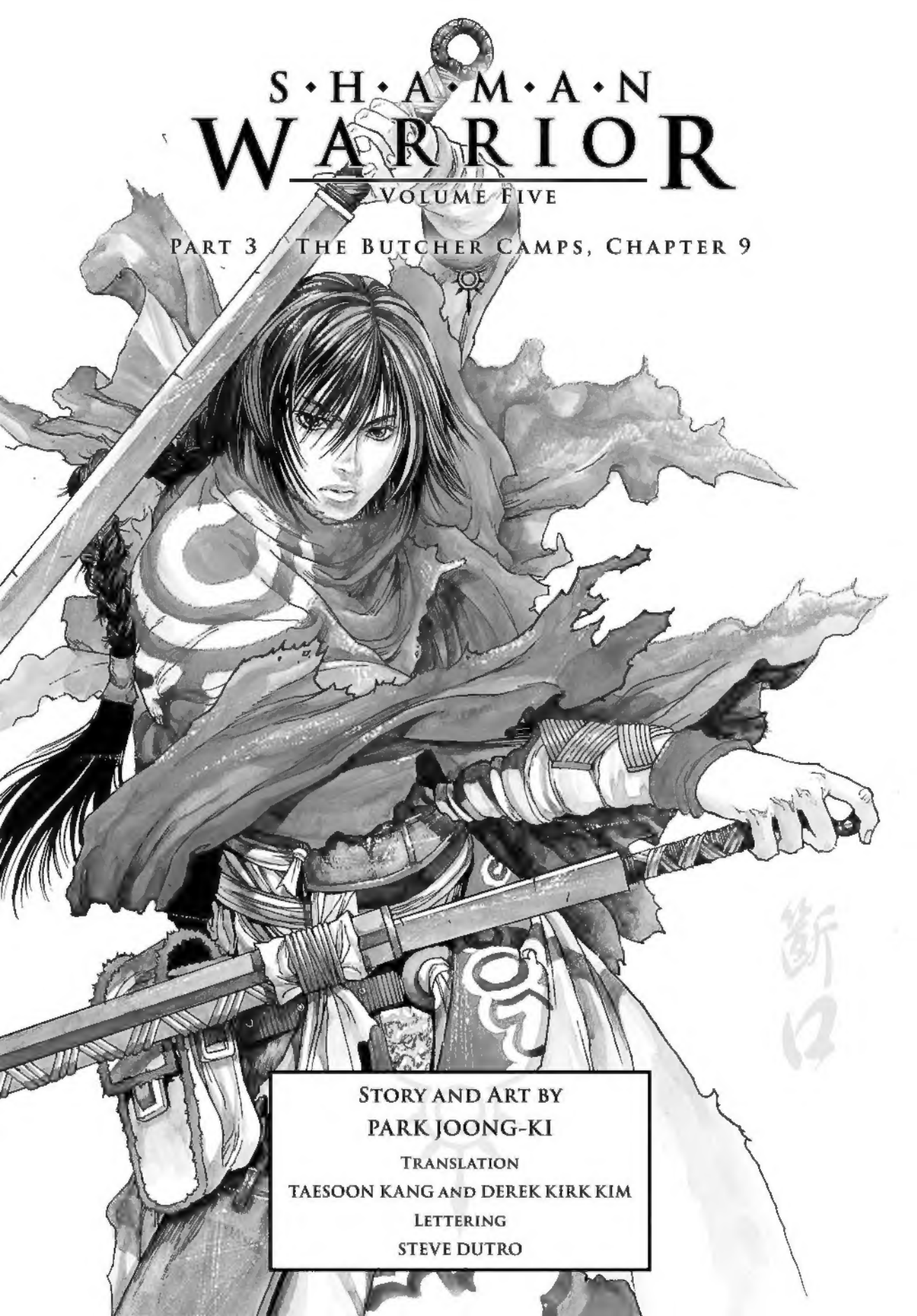

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DIE!

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SHOO
WOOSH

FTTCH

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으득
KRRK
SPLITTCH

TUBAKI!!
KTCHING
PROTECT THE CAPTAIN!
BOSS!
챙 KTCHING
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS! WE WON!

WON?! YOU JUST STARTED A WAR, PAL! YOU CUT HIM DOWN WHEN THE FIGHT *WAS* ALREADY OVER!
IT IS OUR WAY.

SH-SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
YOU THINK KIMARU'S JUST GONNA LET YOU OFF THE HOOK?!

저벅 TMP
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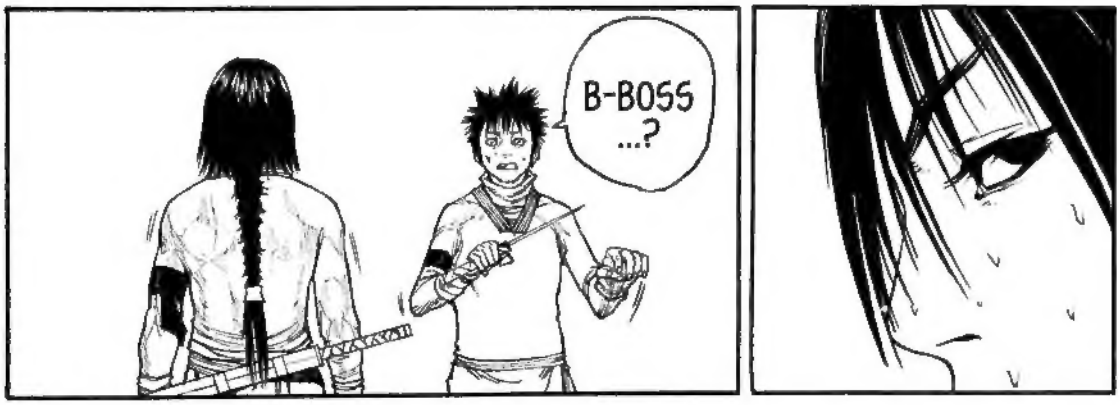
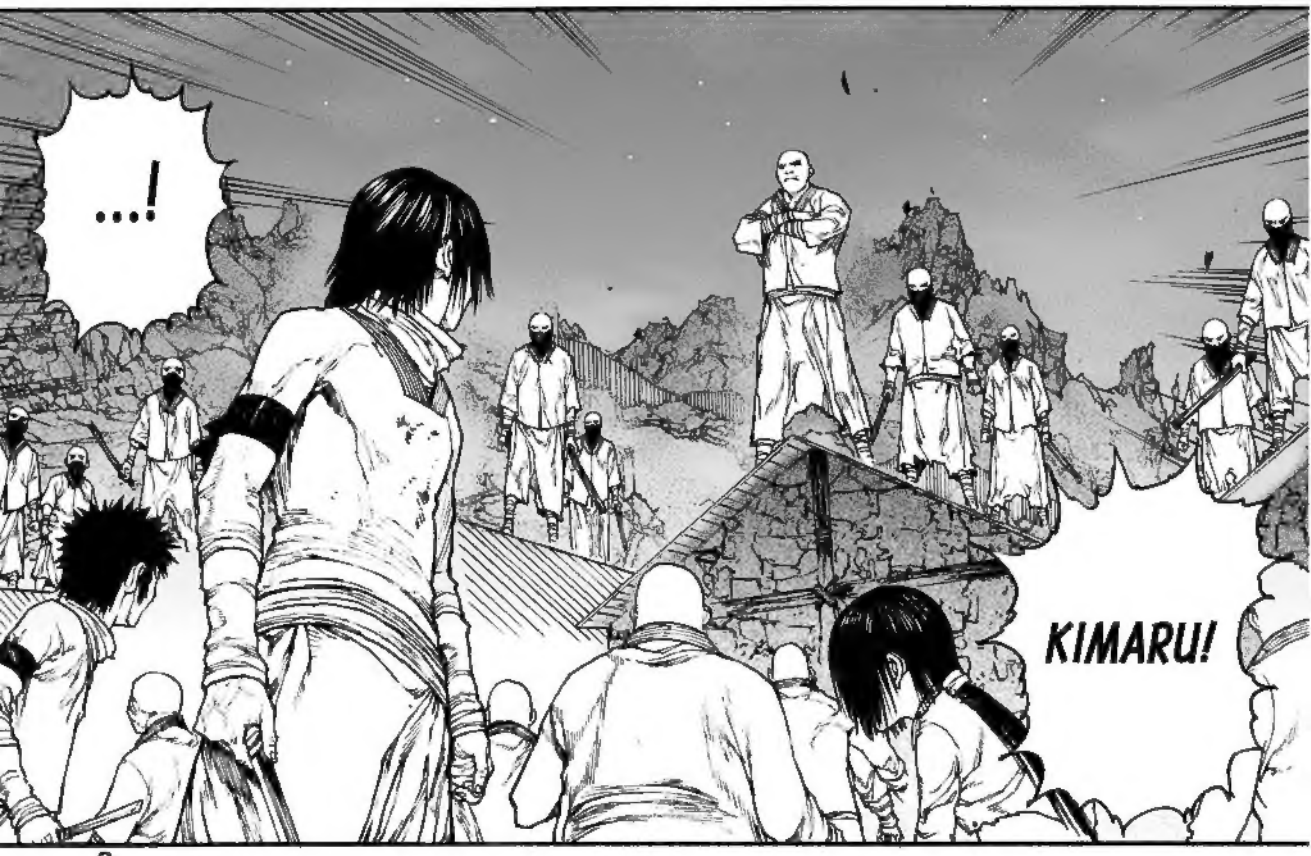
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR WEAKNESS...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SAVE SOMEONE, YOU SHOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT YOUR OWN LIFE.


B-BOSS ...?


...!
KIMARU!

AFTER THAT, WE WERE ALL THROWN INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND BEATEN MERCILESSLY FOR A WEEK. FINALLY, WE WERE RELEASED.

THE CAPTAIN DISAPPEARED AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
FMMP
IT REMINDED US THAT NO MERCY WOULD BE SHOWN TO THOSE WHO BROKE KIMARU'S RULES. WE TRIED OUR BEST TO BURY OUR MEMORIES OF THE CAPTAIN.
WHAT THE--?
GET... OFF O' ME!
KRAK
FMMP
EEYAAA !!
ARE YOU NUTS?!

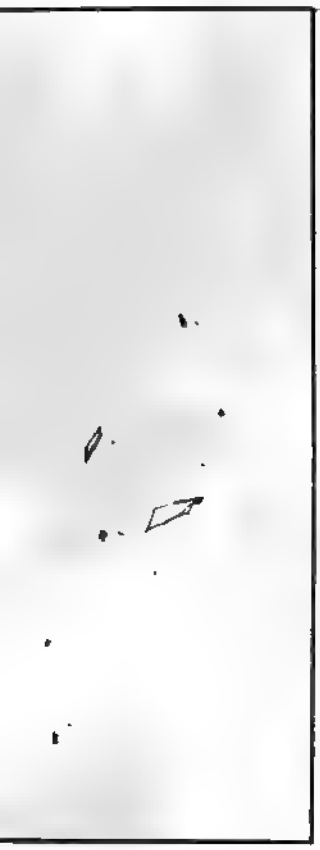
BUT I COULDN'T FORGET THE LAST WORDS HE SAID TO ME. IT WAS TRUE OF EVERYONE WHO PROTECTED ME UP TO NOW...
KSHFF
으르르
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YAKI!
11
SHE'S BITING ME!
SHE'S CRAZY!
GRAB HER!
LET ME GO! I'M GONNA KILL HIM!
BATU...GENJI... NEJO...THEY ALL PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK TO PROTECT ME.
STOP HER!

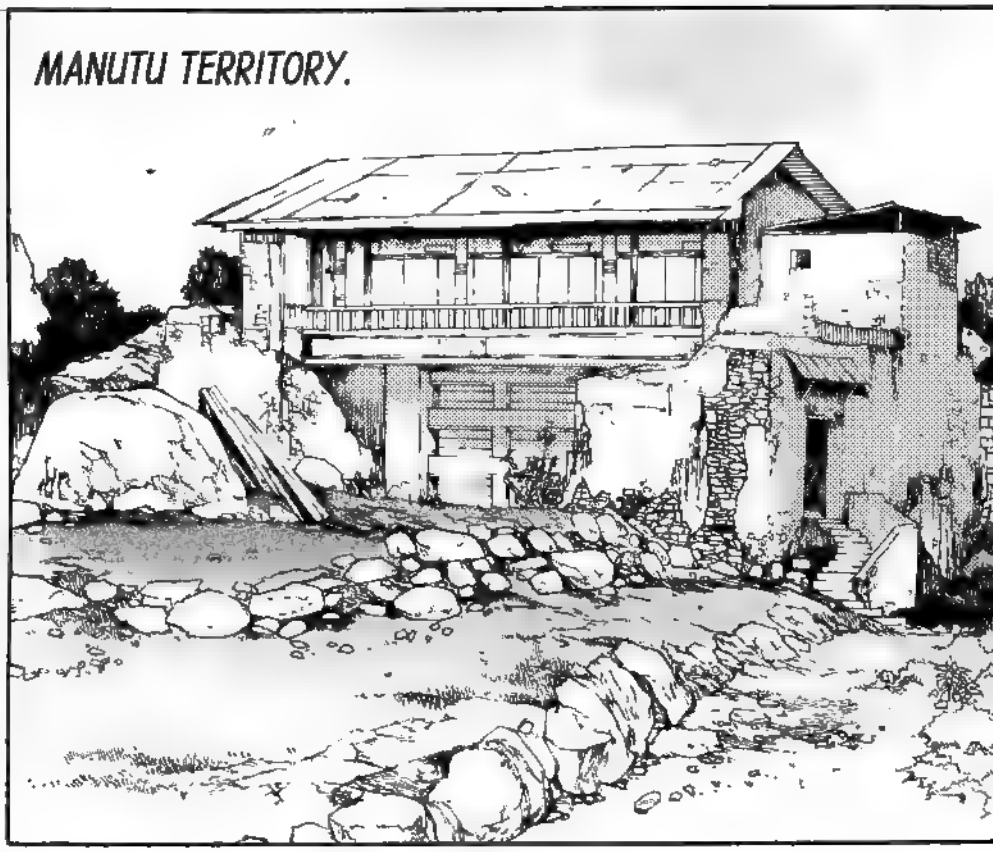
KOKOK

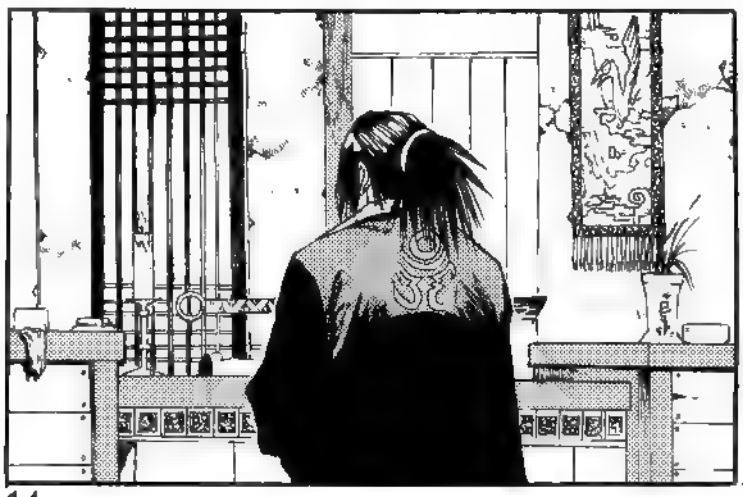
YAAAAAAH!!

I'M GOING TO BE STRONG. I'M NOT GOING TO LET A SINGLE ONE OF THEM GET HURT BECAUSE OF ME!

MANUTU TERRITORY.







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HRKK!
WHAT DID YOU PUT IN MY DRINK?
HEH HEH HEH! YOU DID THIS TO YOURSELF, ARAGORN. CRAZY FOOL.. THINKING YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE KUGAI HOMELAND...
SHHK

WHAT ABOUT OUR DEAL? BRING ME THE KING OF KUGAI--I WANT TO TALK WITH HIM.
HRFF!

SHUKK
ARRGH!

HE IS A WARLORD WHO WILL LEAD US TO GREAT VICTORY.
YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A PATHETIC LITTLE CLAN CHIEFTAIN...

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL SPARE YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU BETRAYED ME?
THAT'S WHAT ALL THE OTHER CLANS SAID AS THEY COUGHED UP BLOOD, TOO...
A DOG SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH WHATEVER IT GETS FROM ITS MASTER.
GOODBYE, ARAGORN.
THWTCH
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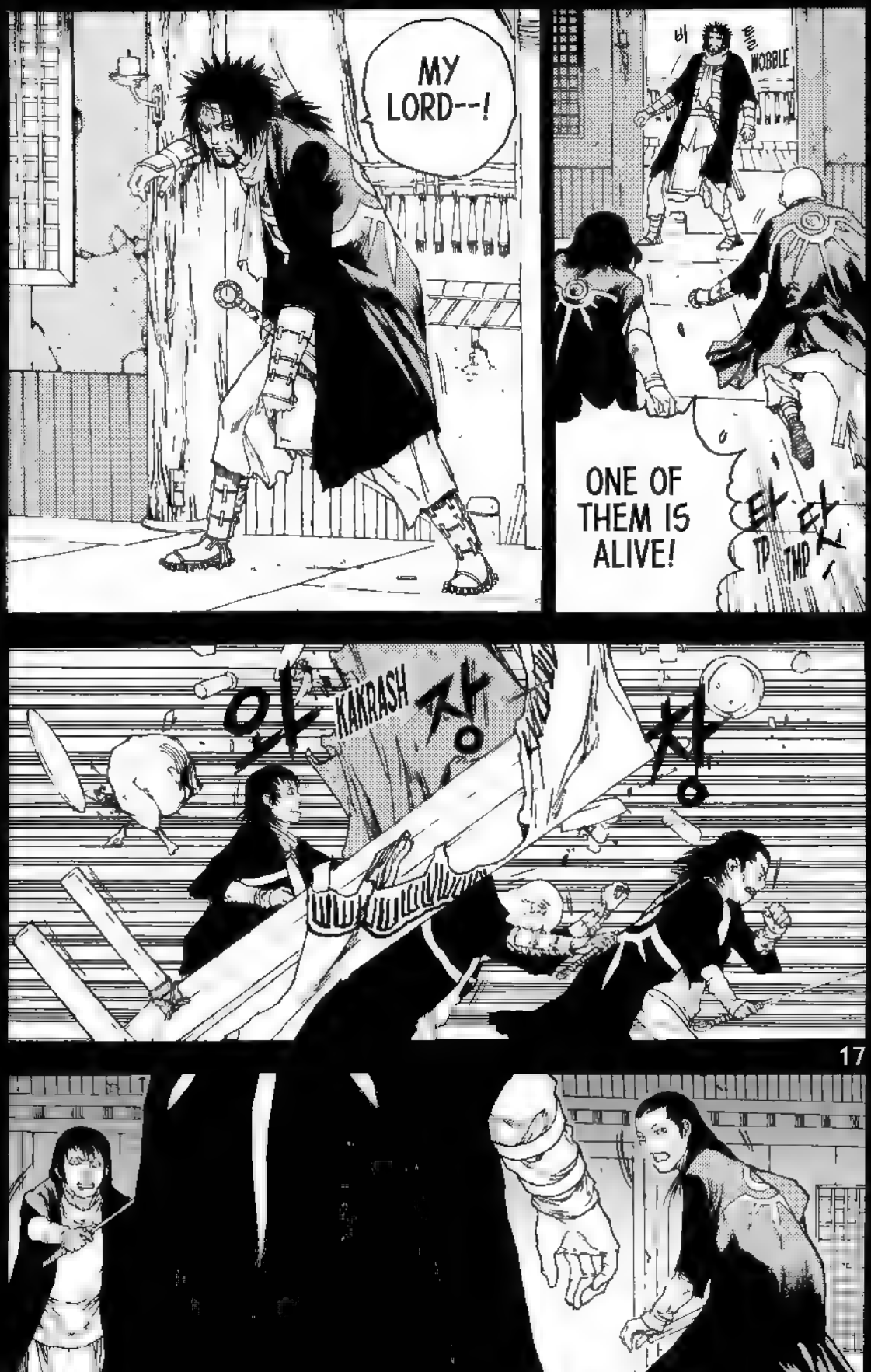
?!
THUMP
WHO--?!


MY LORD--!
비틀
WOBBLE
ONE OF THEM IS ALIVE!
타닷
TP TMP
KAKRASH
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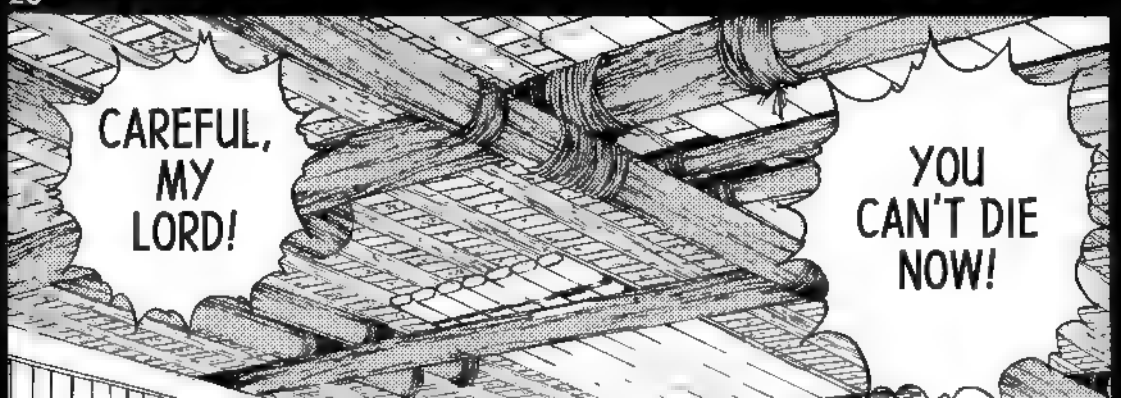
COWARDS! HOW DARE YOU...
GOOD GOD, HE'S STILL MOVING?

KTCHINNG
THE MANUTU CLAN WILL NOT FALL!
COME ON!

SO THIS IS HOW KUGAI OPERATES...?
SHINGO, HOW ARE THE REST OF MY MEN?
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOT TO TRUST THEM.
MY LORD...

GRR!
LET'S GO, SHINGO.
SIR, HOW WILL YOU GO ANYWHERE IN YOUR CONDITION?!
THE KUGAI KING CAN HAVE HIS LAND--I WILL TAKE HIS *HEAD* INSTEAD!
MY LORD!
FWUMP


CAREFUL, MY LORD!
YOU CAN'T DIE NOW!

HOLD ON, SIR!
WE'RE NEARING THE BORDER!
KHFF!
I WILL RETURN, MARK MY WORDS. THEN YOU WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS INSULT!

SHIP

MY LORD, YOUR GUEST HAS ARRIVED.
SHOW HIM IN.

AND SHINGO-- DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT WHEN WE'RE ALONE?
I'M SORRY, BIG BROTHER! I WAS JUST BEING CAREFUL!
GRIN
HEH! YOU LOOK THE SAME, SIR.

CREAK

THIS SWORD WAS A GIFT FROM THE KING OF KUGAI...
HOW I HAVE DREAMED OF CUTTING HIS THROAT WITH IT...AND REGAINING OUR HOMELAND.

WELCOME BACK, MY SON.

YATILLA, COMMANDER OF THE MANUTU CLAN, REPORTING, SIR!
FATHER, I HAVE RETURNED_

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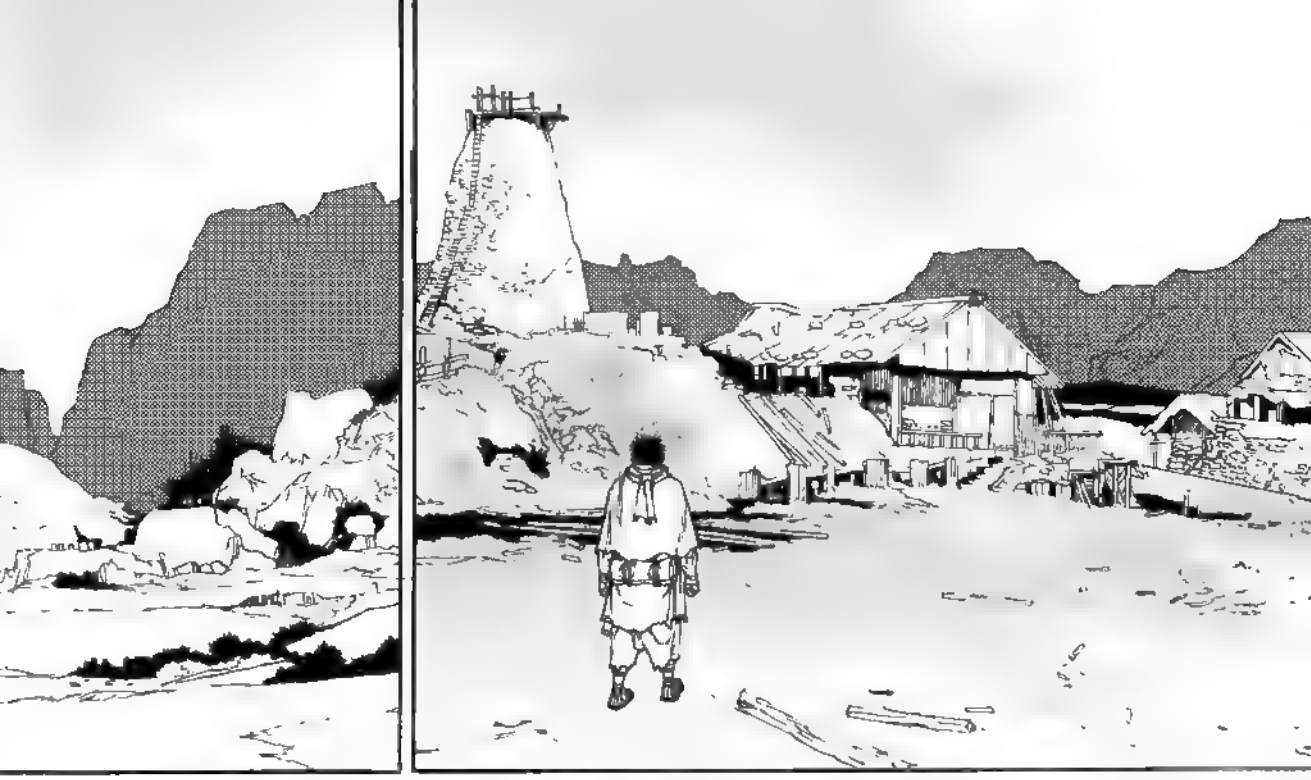

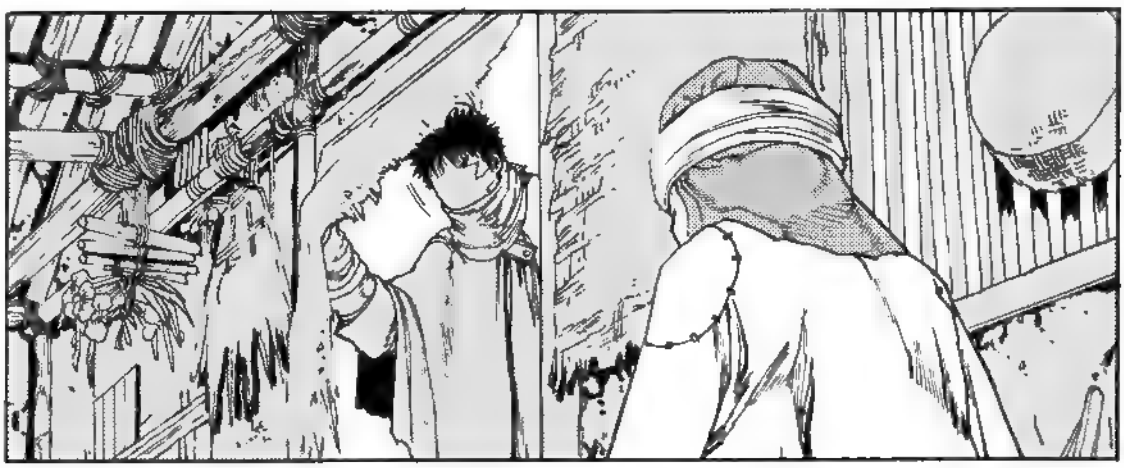

WHO THE--?

스읏
SHFF

I DON'T BUY THIS STORY ABOUT YOUR MASTER BEING THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS CHAOS, EITHER.
A FEW OF US WANTED TO SPEAK WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTLY, BUT WE WERE REFUSED.
DEPORTA-TION OF THE MANUTU CLAN, PURGING OF THE SHAMAN WARRIORS, SUBJUGATION OF OTHER CLANS...
KUGAI HAS SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL SINCE THE CLAN WARS.
THOSE OFFICERS WHO'D BEEN QUESTIONING THE DIRECTION OF THE EMPIRE VOLUNTARILY GAVE UP THEIR POSITIONS AND LEFT. THAT'S AROUND WHEN I LEFT KUGAI, TOO...
I'M GOING TO FIND THE GENERAL AND HAVE A TALK WITH HIM.
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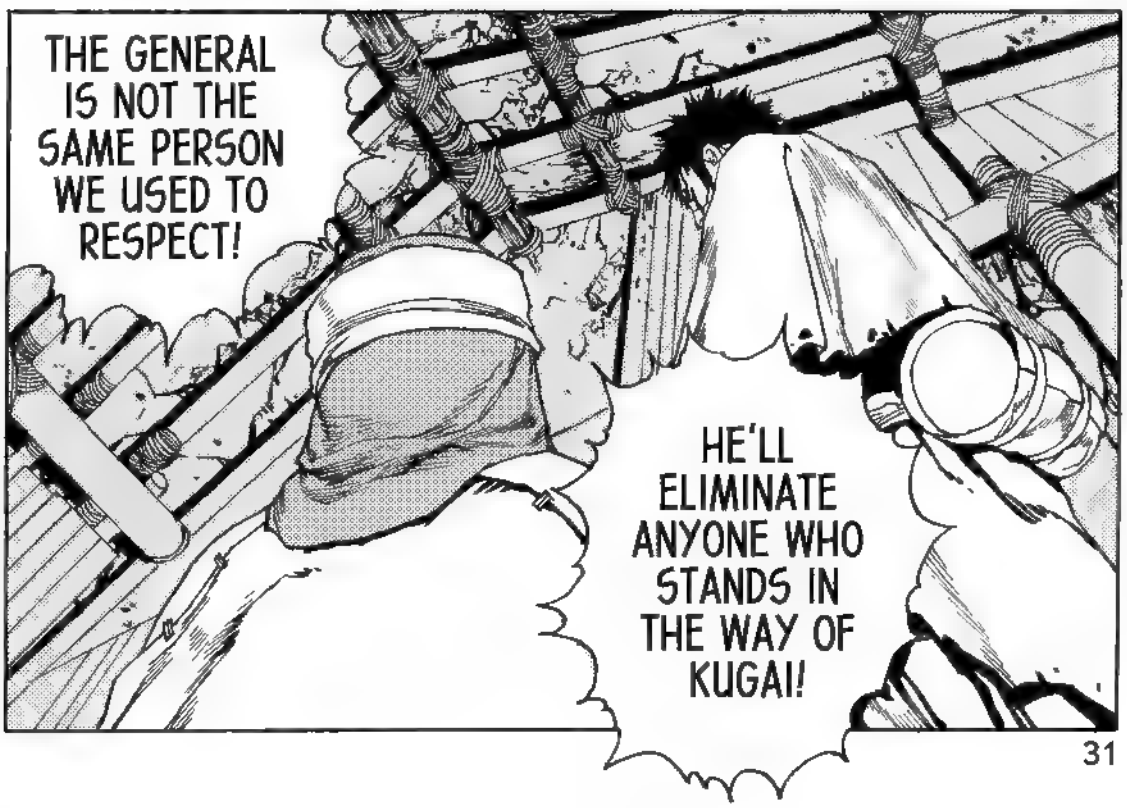
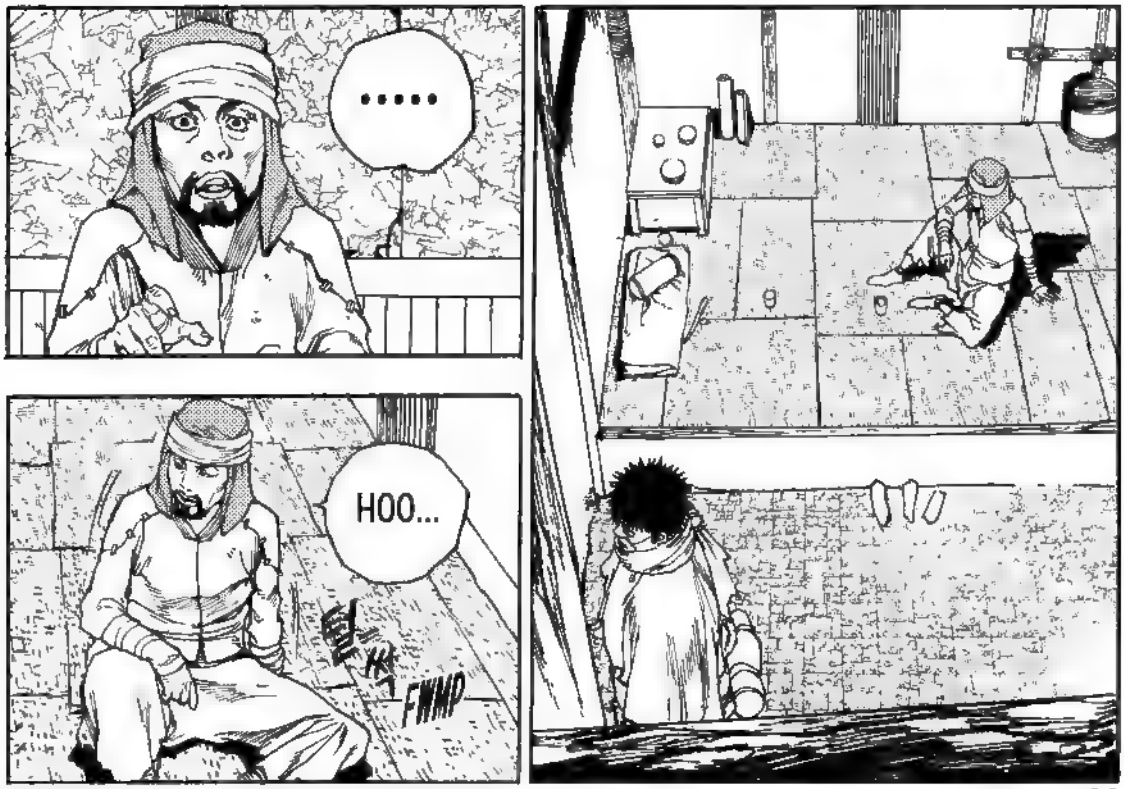
FAT CHANCE.
I COMMEND YOU FOR FINDING *ME* IN THIS FAR CORNER OF THE DESERT, BUT DIG ANY FURTHER ABOUT YOUR MASTER AND IT COULD GET VERY DANGEROUS.

I MUST LEAVE.
꾸벅
BOW
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA--?!


THE GENERAL IS NOT THE SAME PERSON WE USED TO RESPECT!
HE'LL ELIMINATE ANYONE WHO STANDS IN THE WAY OF KUGAI!

I WILL FIND HIM...AND I WILL VERIFY EVERYTHING WITH MY OWN EYES AND EARS.
THEN WHAT?! WHAT IF YOUR WORST FEARS TURN OUT TO BE THE TRUTH?!
THEN I WILL *KILL* THE GENERAL FOR HAVING DENIED ME THE RIGHT TO DIE WITH MY MASTER.



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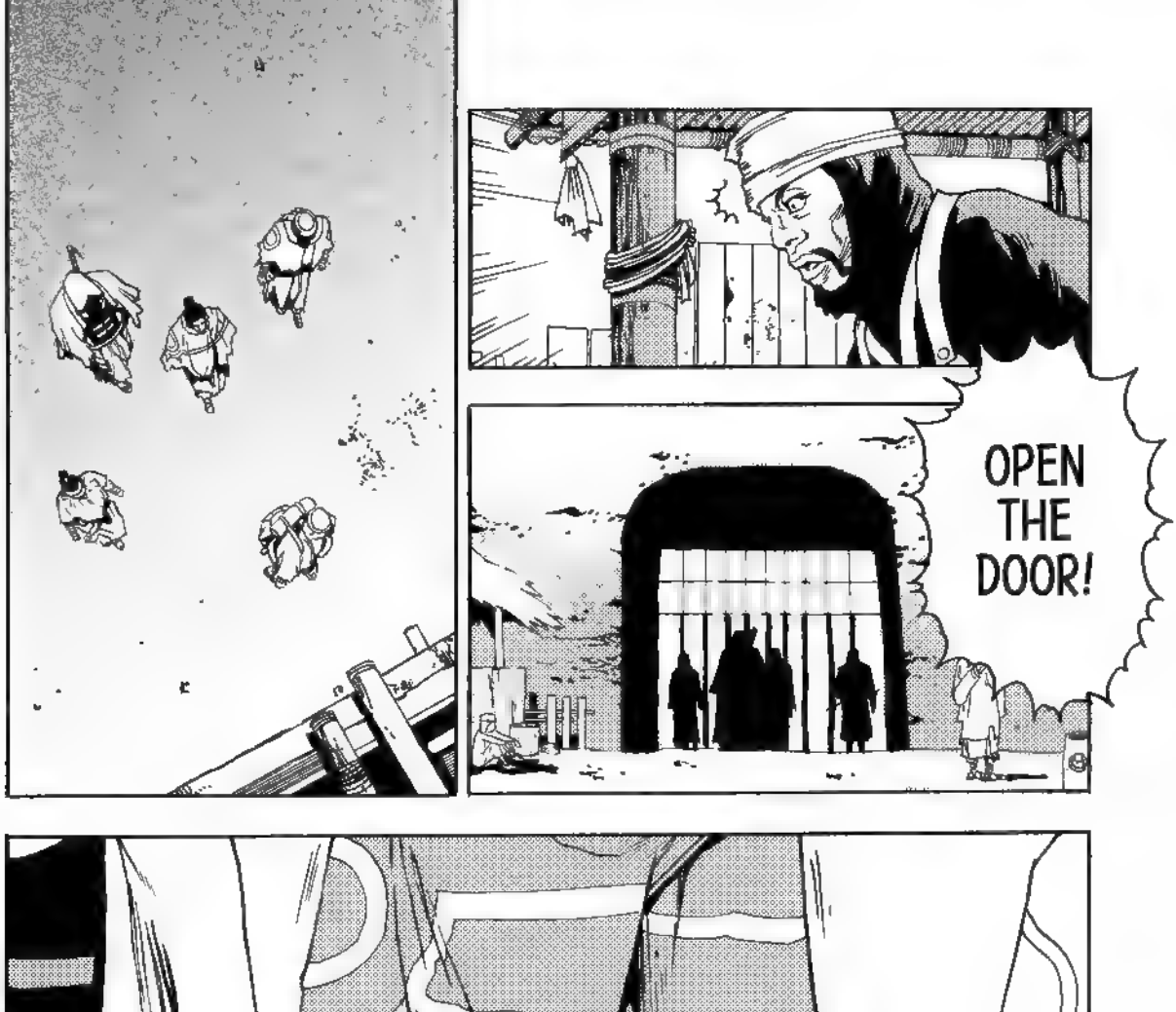
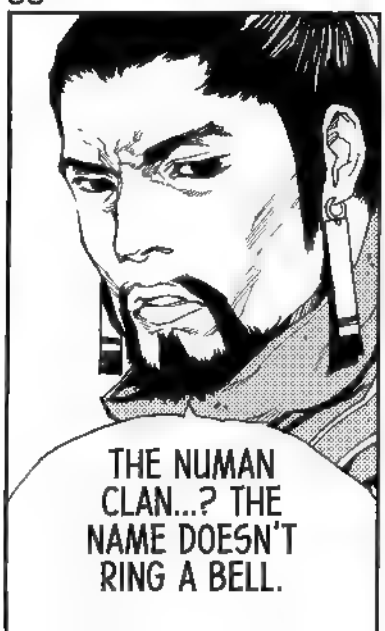

OPEN THE DOOR!

철컹 THMP
철컹 THMP

HERBALISTS HAVE REPORTED SEEING THE GENERAL SURVEYING THE BORDER.
YOU MAY RUN INTO HIM UNEXPECTEDLY AT A BORDER CHECKPOINT.
THAP

OOF!
BUMP
PARDON ME, I'M BLIND...
.....
HOLD, KUGAI GENERAL!

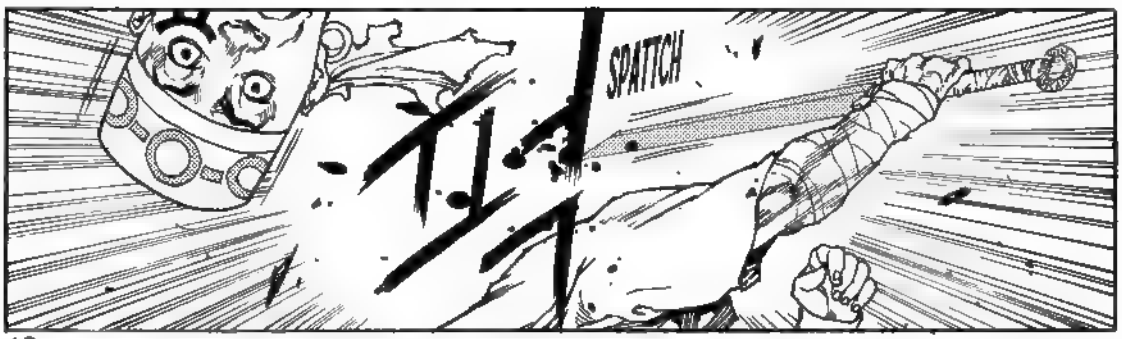
REMEMBER US? THE NUMAN CLAN?! A PEOPLE YOU RUTHLESSLY CONQUERED?!
TODAY, YOU DIE FOR ALL OF OUR SLAUGHTERED BROTHERS AND SISTERS!


THE NUMAN CLAN...? THE NAME DOESN'T RING A BELL.

HGRRR!

KILL HIM!

FWOO
SHOO
ARRGH
!
HYAAA
!
KTING
KANNG
DIE!
KANNG
HYAAH!
GO TO HELL, YOU KUGAI BASTARDS!



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GET BACK HERE!
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SHOOSH
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE FOOLS. YOU TWO GUARD THE GENERAL.
YES, SIR!
YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE US! WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP OUR LIVES, YOU BASTARD!
DASH
WE'RE NUMAN WARRIORS-- WE FIGHT UNTIL THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD!

SLITTCH

WHOOO

RAAGH!

CHONK

YIEEE!

THERE'S A *CLAN BATTLE* OVER HERE!

THEY'RE HIGH RANKING WARRIORS!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

DAMN! WHY NOW?!

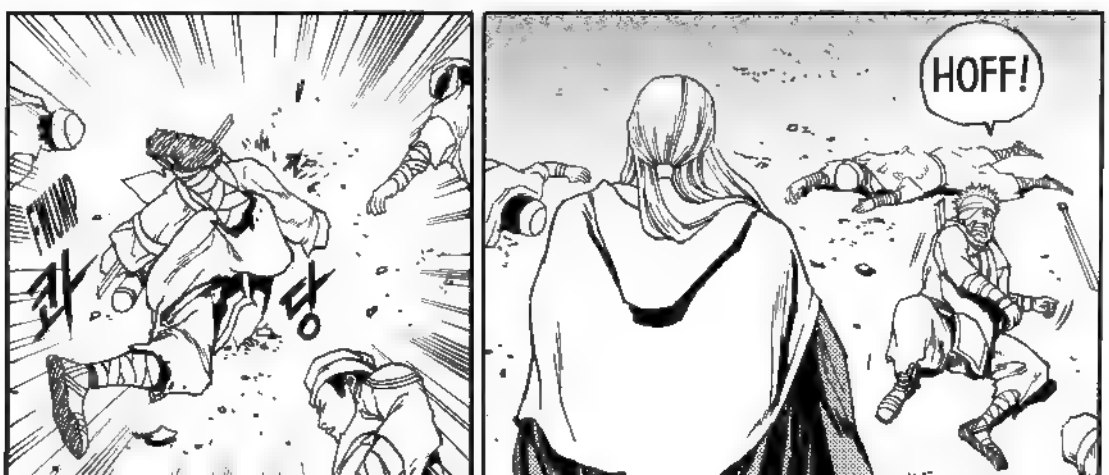
TMP TMP TMP
TEFEK

THE GENERAL IS UNDER ATTACK!

GRRR!

FWAM
콰악
ARRGH!
HRRFF!

쾅
BMMP


FNUMP
콰
당
HOFF!

WHO ...?
쑤욱 SHHK
CHOKK 콰직 KTCH
WARRIORS OF NUMAN!

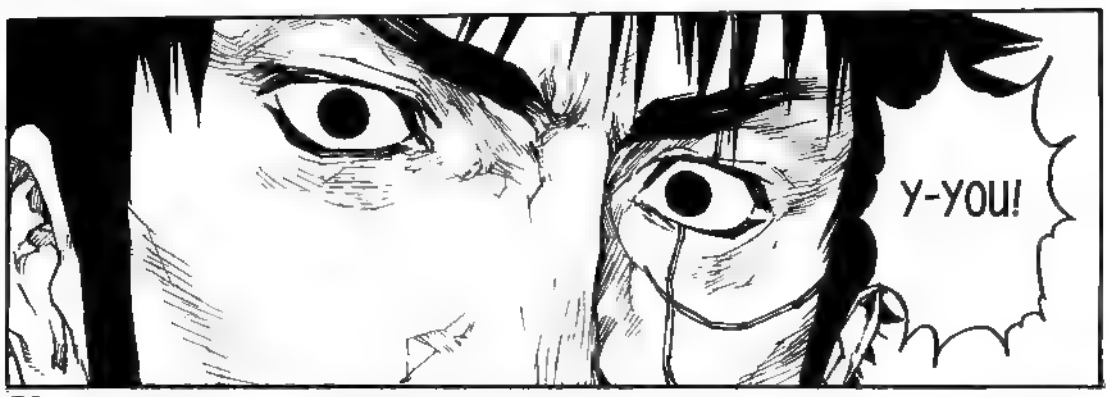
촤아악 SLISHH

DON'T WASTE WORDS ONCE YOU'VE PULLED OUT YOUR SWORDS!

HRAAAAAGH!!
FWABAMM
THMP
TMP
FMP

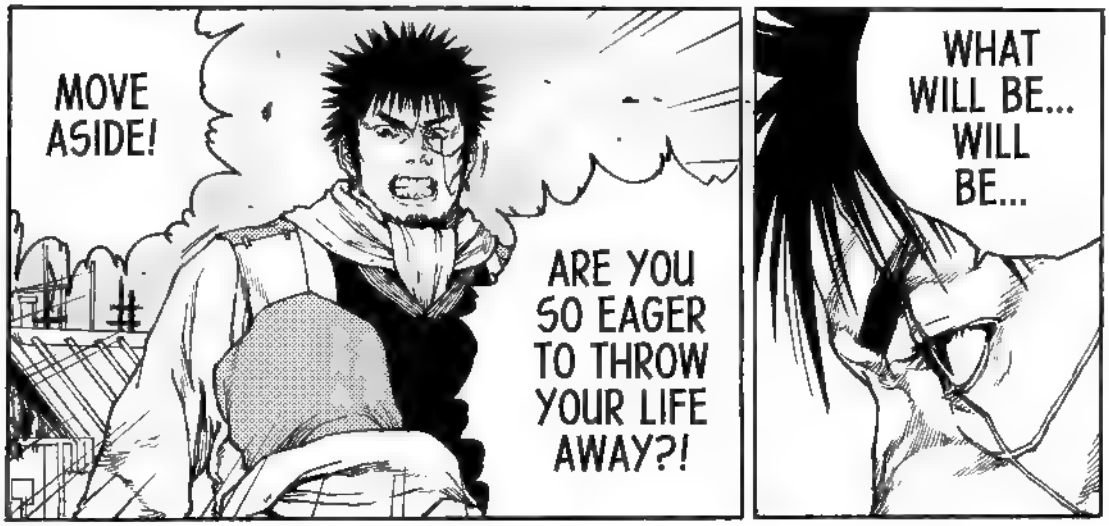
SIR--
PLEASE
STOP!!

R. KRAK
KH
O
OUTTA
THE
WAY!


Y-YOU!

YES,
IT'S ME,
HORAKAAN...

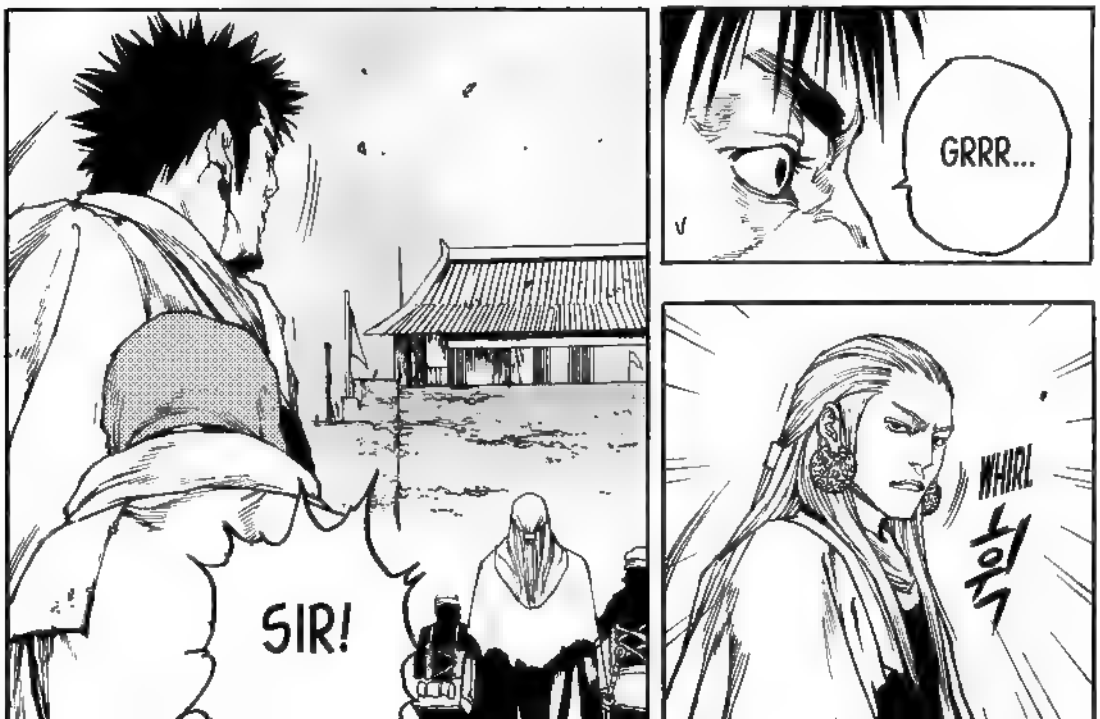
PROTECT THE GENERAL!
SEARCH FOR ANY STRAGGLERS AND DETAIN THEM!


MOVE ASIDE!
ARE YOU SO EAGER TO THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY?!
WHAT WILL BE... WILL BE...

CALM DOWN, BATU! THIS IS NO TIME TO LOSE YOUR HEAD.
IF WE STICK AROUND HERE, WE'LL BE MISTAKEN FOR INSURGENTS.

THINK ABOUT YAKI! DOES SHE MEAN SO LITTLE TO YOU THAT YOU'D JUST THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY HERE?!
QUIET! GET IN MY WAY AGAIN, AND I'LL BEAT YOU DOWN, TOO!

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!
GRAB
G-GET YOUR HAND OFF ME!
HOLD HIM! HE'S ACTING SUSPICIOUS!


GRRR...
SIR!
WHIRL
휙

와 THMP
와 THMP
HMM...I THOUGHT I SENSED SOMETHING...
STAB 피커
ARRGH!
피커 STAB
GENERAL, ARE YOU OKAY? I NEVER EXPECTED AN ATTACK IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS--
OR PERHAPS IT WAS *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING!
M-MY LORD! PLEASE! I WOULD NEVER--

ENOUGH. THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME, AND THE DISTURBANCE HERE WAS MINIMAL, SO LET'S LEAVE BEFORE IT GETS ANY WORSE.
SHHK
ONWARD!
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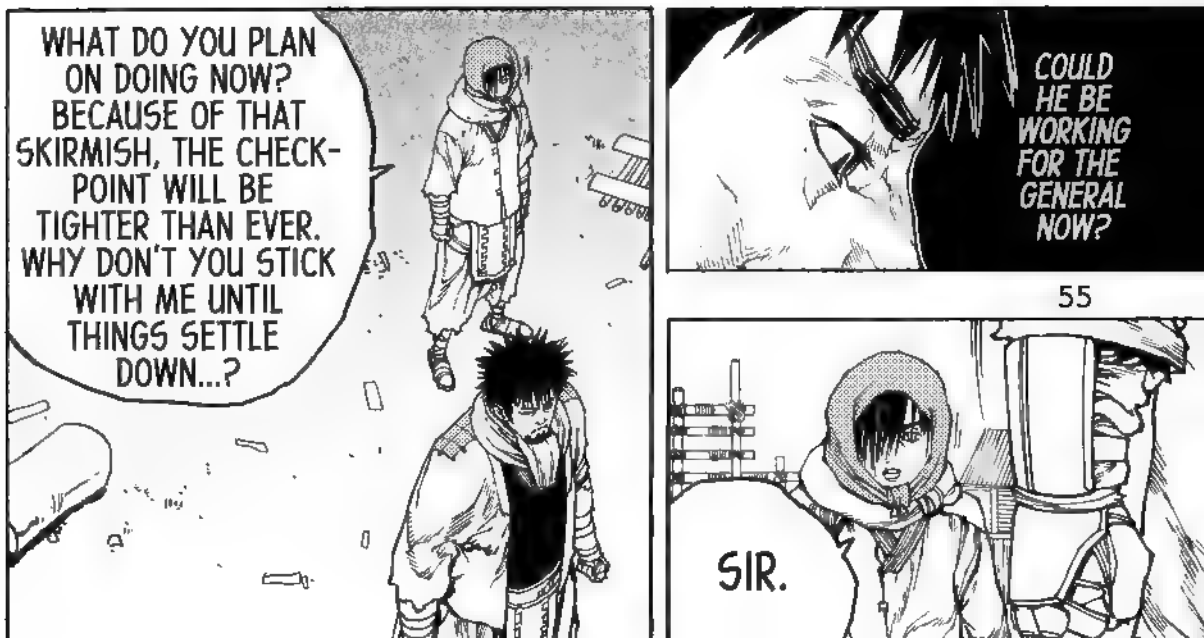
HUFF! HRFF! THIS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH TO BE SAFE.

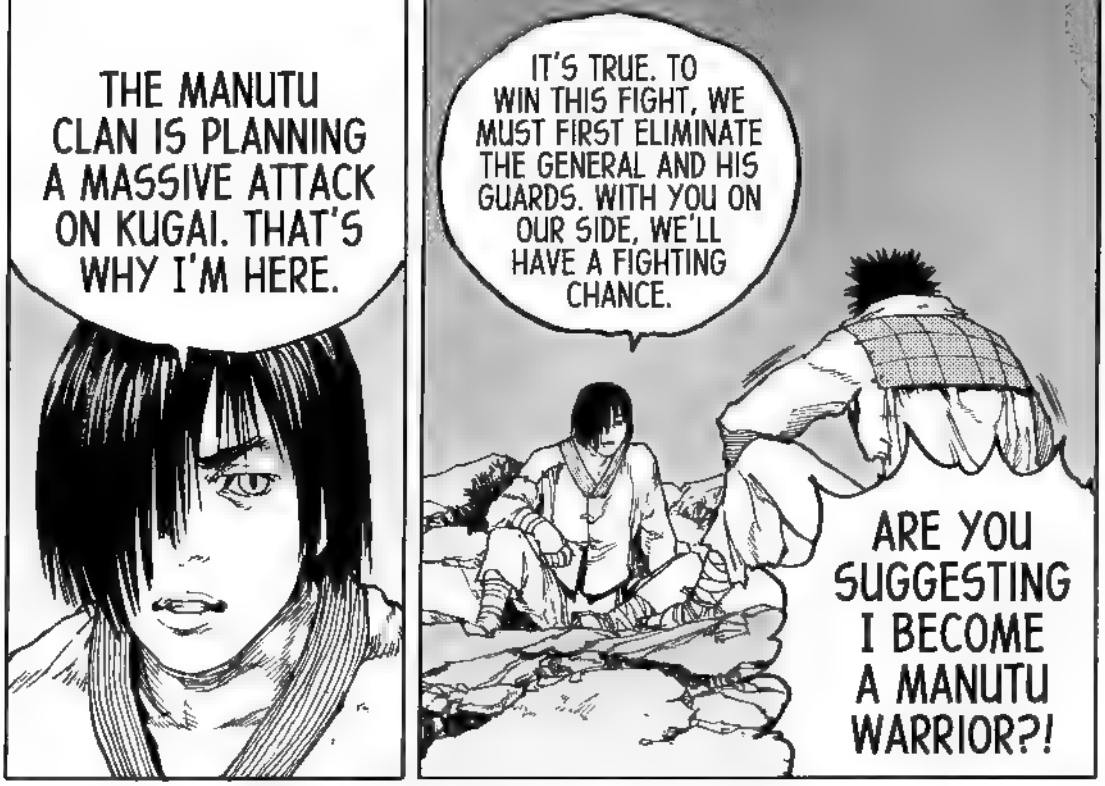

WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING NOW? BECAUSE OF THAT SKIRMISH, THE CHECK-POINT WILL BE TIGHTER THAN EVER. WHY DON'T YOU STICK WITH ME UNTIL THINGS SETTLE DOWN...?
COULD HE BE WORKING FOR THE GENERAL NOW?
SIR.

CRICK 타닥
타닥 CRACK
I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU IN KUGAI. DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING TO MANUTU?
AFTER WE PARTED WAYS, I DID INDEED REACH MANUTU AND BECAME A WARRIOR.
WARRIOR... SO YOU'RE HERE UNDER ARAGORN'S ORDERS?
YES, HAVING ELUDED SHAMAN HUNTERS MY WHOLE LIFE, SCOUTING WORK WAS A PERFECT FIT FOR ME.
SO THAT'S WHY THE EYE OF THE SHAMAN IS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES NOW.
탁 CRACK
타닥 POKK

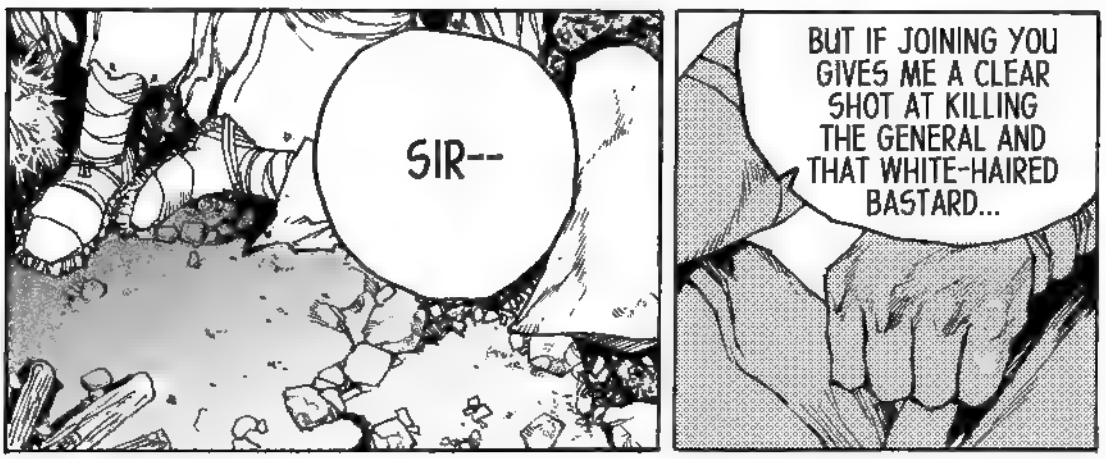
ARE YOU AFRAID OF BEING HUNTED?
.....
YOU'VE HEARD OF THE SHAMAN WARRIOR *YARONG*, RIGHT?
YES...IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIS EVIL DEEDS THAT THE SHAMAN PURGING BEGAN.
THAT WAS A STORY MADE UP BY KUGAI. JUST AN EXCUSE TO SLAUGHTER SHAMANS. IT'S ALL A CONSPIRACY. JUST LIKE THE EXILE OF THE MANUTU CLAN.
HOW... HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS...?

YARONG, THE COMMANDER OF KUGAI'S TROOPS, WAS MY MASTER!
HIS SHAMAN EYES ALSO STOPPED RETURNING TO NORMAL. THE GENERAL FEARED HE MAY BE TURNING IRREVERSIBLY SAVAGE.
SOON AFTER, HE WAS SENT TO THE BORDER UNDER THE GENERAL'S ORDER... THERE HE WAS AMBUSHED AND KILLED.
HIS KILLER WAS THE WARRIOR WITH THE WHITE HAIR YOU SAW TODAY. HE AND THE GENERAL PLANNED MY MASTER'S MURDER.
NOW YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GENERAL...AND WHY I MUST SLAY HIM.
꽈악
SNNCH
ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE HIS GUARDS ON YOUR OWN?! THAT'S SUICIDE, SIR!

THOSE MEN WITH THE GENERAL ARE UNBELIEVABLE WARRIORS. THE BIG ONE WAS HANDLING THAT GIANT SWORD LIKE A BUTTER KNIFE!
EVEN YOU MAY NOT SURVIVE THEM...
MY LIFE HAS NO VALUE!
SIR...WON'T YOU *PLEASE* RECONSIDER AND COME WITH ME TO MANUTU?


THE MANUTU CLAN IS PLANNING A MASSIVE ATTACK ON KUGAI. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
IT'S TRUE. TO WIN THIS FIGHT, WE MUST FIRST ELIMINATE THE GENERAL AND HIS GUARDS. WITH YOU ON OUR SIDE, WE'LL HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING I BECOME A MANUTU WARRIOR?!

FORGET IT! KUGAI... MANUTU...WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? THEY'RE JUST PACKS OF DOGS FIGHTING OVER SCRAPS OF POWER!
MY ONLY CONCERN IS AVENGING MY MASTER.


SIR--
BUT IF JOINING YOU GIVES ME A CLEAR SHOT AT KILLING THE GENERAL AND THAT WHITE-HAIRED BASTARD...

HORAKAAN, LET'S GO TO MANUTU!
...I CAN WAIT A *LITTLE* LONGER.

RUN!
RUN!
TMP
LAST ONE IN IS GONNA GET IT!
하아
HFF!
HFF!
하아
삐
FWOㅇㅏ
EEEEEEㅇㅏ
ㅇㅏ
ㅇㅣㅇ

탁
TAK
TAK
탁
DIE!
휙
WHOO

ACK!
FETCH

FWUMP
HFF!
하아
하아 HFF!
64
SHFF
하아
HFF!
HFF! 하아

HIYAAH!
KTING
KTING
휙
FAPP
PSHUUK
ARRGH!
YEEE!
.....!

HWOO
F-MMP
NNGH!
NEJO! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! GET OFFA ME!
YOU KNOW OUR JOB IS TO KILL THE WHOLE FAMILY-- AND THIS IS A HIGH PROFILE GIG! SO GET WITH THE PROGRAM!
DON'T KILL HIM! HE'S JUST A LITTLE KID!
KNNCH
STUPID PUNK!

PLEASE.
HYAAAH!!
THWAP
SSKABAM

I TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OF NEJO!
YAKI... YOU...
...ARE YOU JUST GONNA LET HIM BREAK ALL THE RULES AND GET AWAY WITH IT?!

WE MIGHT BE KILLED SOMEDAY BECAUSE OF THIS FOOL!

HMPH! HEY, KID? GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.
ERK!
KICK

TH-THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

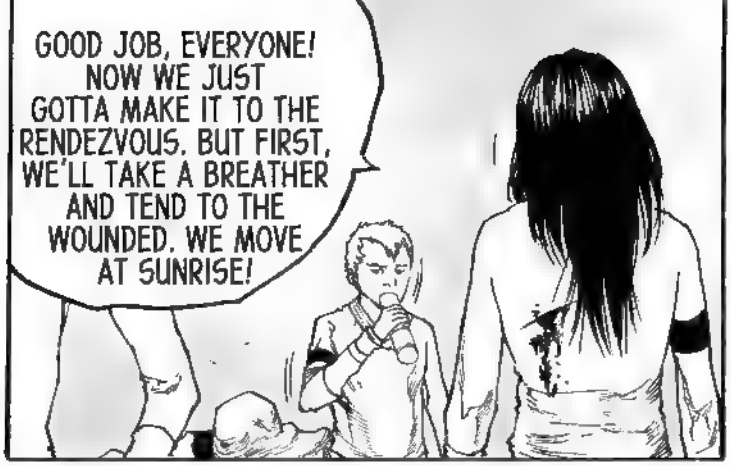
YAKI--
RELAX, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

YOU SURE GET OFF COVERING HIS ASS, DON'TCHA?
WHEN'S THE WEDDING?

THOKK
KTCHING
YOU FILTHY LITTLE--
YAKI, THAT'S ENOUGH!
I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU EVER SINCE YOU TOOK THE CAPTAIN POSITION AWAY FROM ME!
FWISSH
C'MON, BRING IT!
HEH! SURE.

ASSASSINS! THE MASTER'S BEEN ATTACKED!!
KBAM
탕
THAM
YO! WE GOTTA SPLIT! GUARDS ARE COMING!
DAMN! THIS AIN'T OVER, YAKI!
C'MON, NEJO!

하아
HFF!
하아
HFF!


GOOD JOB, EVERYONE! NOW WE JUST GOTTA MAKE IT TO THE RENDEZVOUS. BUT FIRST, WE'LL TAKE A BREATHER AND TEND TO THE WOUNDED. WE MOVE AT SUNRISE!

HFF!
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HFF!
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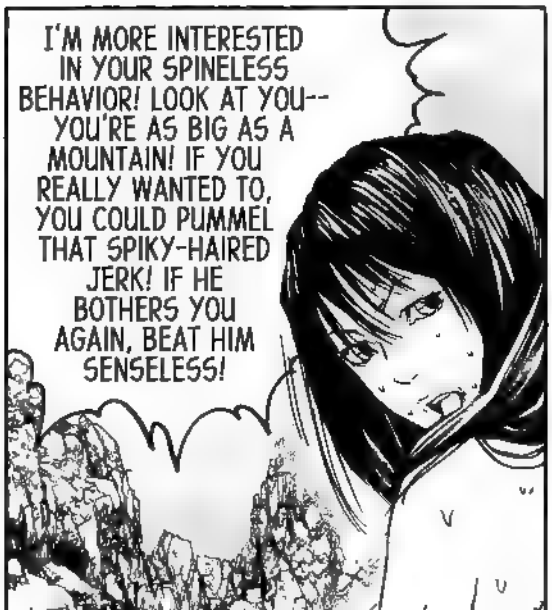
NEJO...? I NEED A STITCH-UP!
OH... OKAY.

FWSH
SHFF

부스럭
SHUFFLE
부스럭
SHUFFLE

HHHKK!
PTEW!

YAKI, SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE. I--
FORGET ABOUT IT. I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THE KID, TO BE HONEST.


I'M MORE INTERESTED IN YOUR SPINELESS BEHAVIOR! LOOK AT YOU-- YOU'RE AS BIG AS A MOUNTAIN! IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO, YOU COULD PUMMEL THAT SPIKY-HAIRED JERK! IF HE BOTHERS YOU AGAIN, BEAT HIM SENSELESS!

I'M NOT LIKE THAT...

SIGH...I'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THAT HEAD OF YOURS.
ANYWAY, WE GOT THIS FAR. LET'S FINISH THE JOB. WE GOTTA BLOW THIS JOINT IN STYLE, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
Y-YEAH...
...WHATEVER YOU SAY, YAKI!
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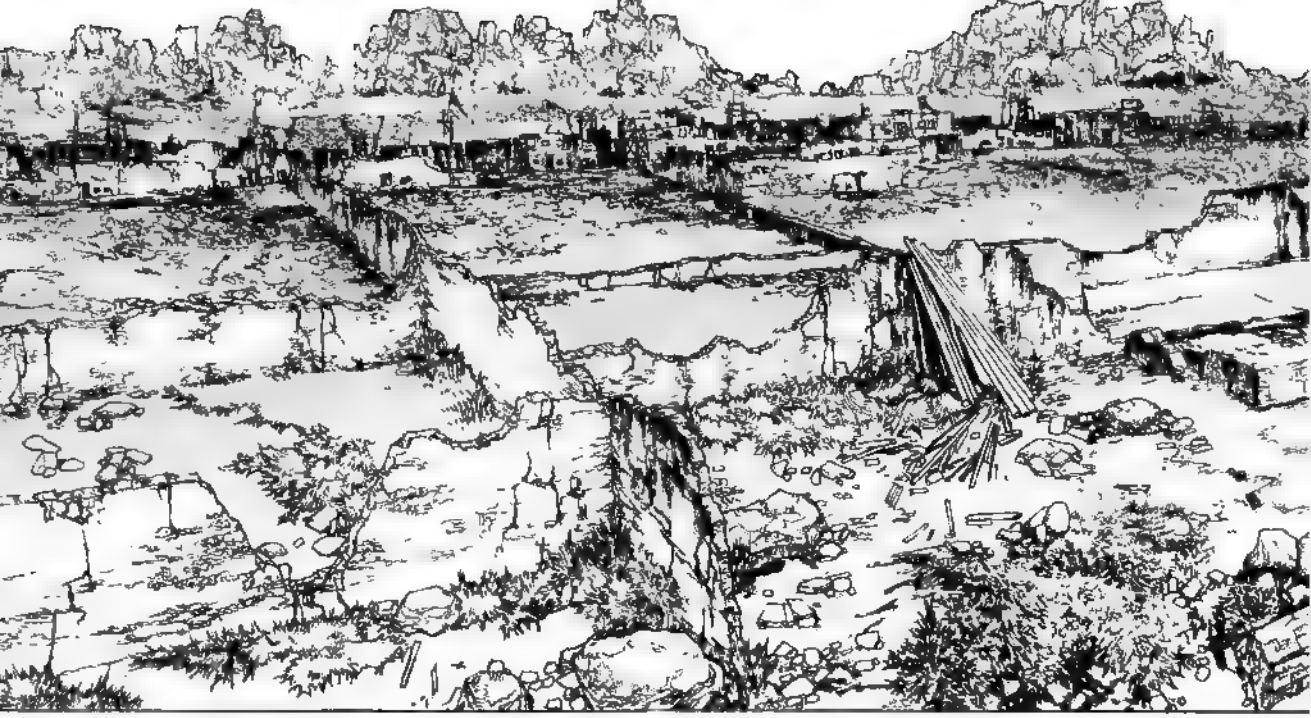

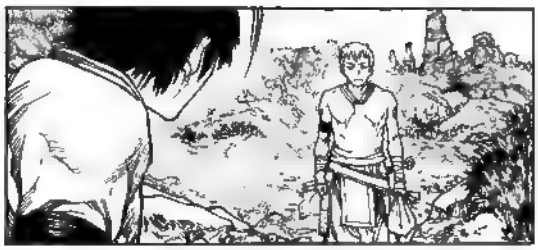

IF YOU LOSE THAT, WE'RE IN *DEEP SHIT*, SO PROTECT IT LIKE IT'S YOUR OWN HEAD.
YES, SIR!

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CATCH, NEJO! THAT'S OUR PROOF THAT THE JOB'S BEEN DONE.

HEY, SO HOW MUCH FURTHER WE GOT?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE TOMORROW. THE CAPTAIN SHOULD KNOW THE DETAILS.

YAKI?
YAKI ?!
WHERE THE HELL IS THAT IDIOT...?
SHE SAID SHE HAD TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE WE WENT INTO THE DESERT.
WE JUST FINISHED OUR JOB, SO WHAT THE HELL IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?!
77
HUMP
YOU DONE TALKING?

WHAT IS THIS?
ARE YOU *NUTS?* WE'RE PROBABLY BEING TRACKED RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T NEED THAT SLOWING US DOWN!
IT'S A PRESENT FOR THE PEASANTS ON THE ROAD BACK.
COME ON, YOU KNOW WHAT A SORRY STATE THOSE PEASANTS ARE IN!

WHAT THE--?!
LOOK, I'M CARRYING IT, SO MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS! IF IT SLOWS US DOWN, I'LL CHUCK IT!
LET'S GO!

SURE ARE A LOT OF ABANDONED HOUSES HERE.
GHOST TOWNS LIKE THIS EVERYWHERE WE GO, THESE DAYS...

TOWNS LIKE THIS ONE ARE FREQUENTLY RANSACKED BY CLANS WHO'VE BEEN CONQUERED... ESPECIALLY NEAR THE BORDERS...
KUGAI HOLDS ONTO ALL THE GOOD LAND, SO EVERYONE ELSE FIGHTS FOR THE LITTLE SCRAPS THAT ARE LEFT.
DOES THAT MEAN *OUR* REGION'S IN TROUBLE, TOO?
HEH HEH! IT'S POSSIBLE. PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS FIGHT OVER LAND, NO MATTER WHAT STATE IT'S IN.
HMM...
...I FEEL ANOTHER BIG WAR APPROACHING...
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT. A SPIKE IN JOBS FOR US IS ALWAYS A SIGN OF A COMING WAR.
GOOD. THIS BEATS TRAINING OUR ASSES OFF DAY IN AND DAY OUT, JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO BUY US, DON'T YOU THINK?
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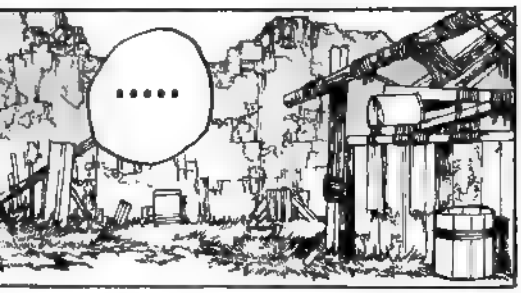
YAKI! GET BACK!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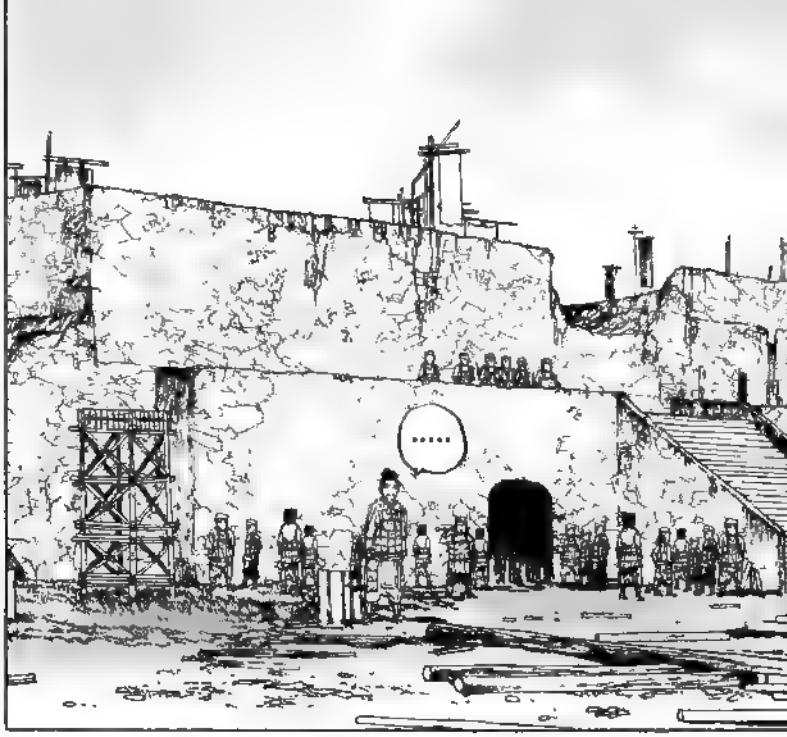
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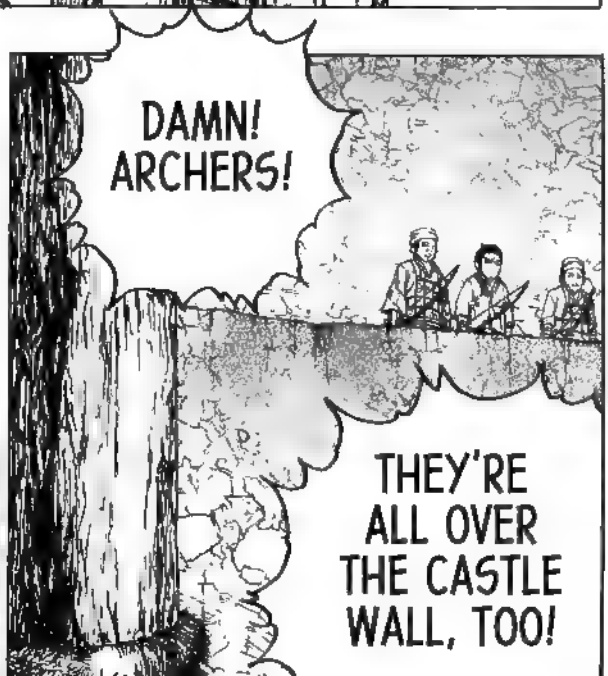
FYOO! SURE ARE A LOT OF 'EM, HUH? IT WON'T BE EASY TO GET PAST THOSE GOONS...
JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT. LET'S GO STRAIGHT THROUGH 'EM.

THEY'LL NEVER EXPECT A DIRECT--


DAMN! ARCHERS!
THEY'RE ALL OVER THE CASTLE WALL, TOO!

THIS WON'T BE EASY...
YAKI! WE HAVE LESS THAN HALF A DAY TO MEET UP WITH KIMARU.
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO. FORGET ABOUT MAKING IT ON TIME. WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR NIGHTFALL TO CLIMB OVER THE WALL.
I KNEW IT! I KNEW I WAS GONNA REGRET JOINING YAKI AND NEJO...
WILL YOU STOP WHINING? WE'RE A TEAM, RIGHT?

NEJO, YOU WATCH OUR BACKS WHILE THE REST OF US GO FIRST. THEN FOLLOW US WHEN I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL.
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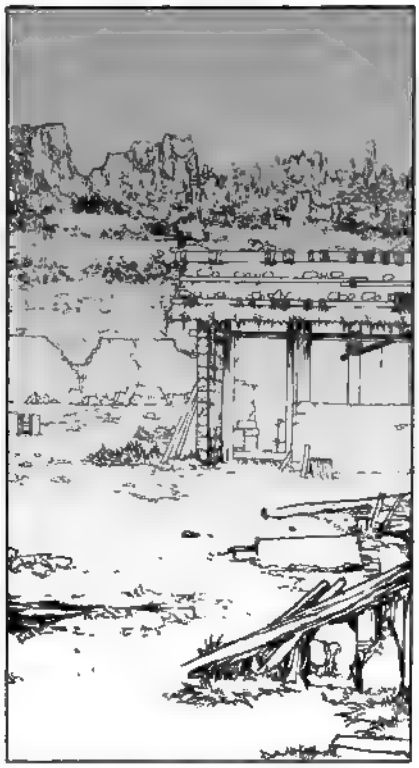

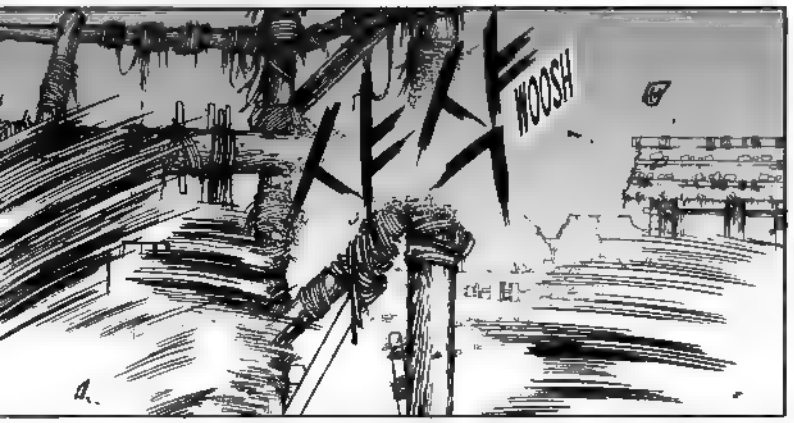
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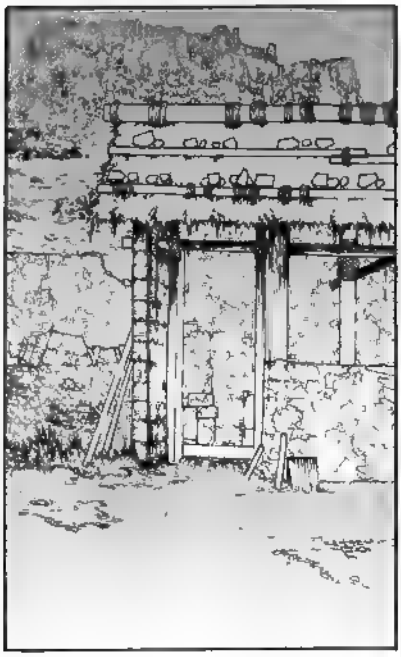
Y-YOU...

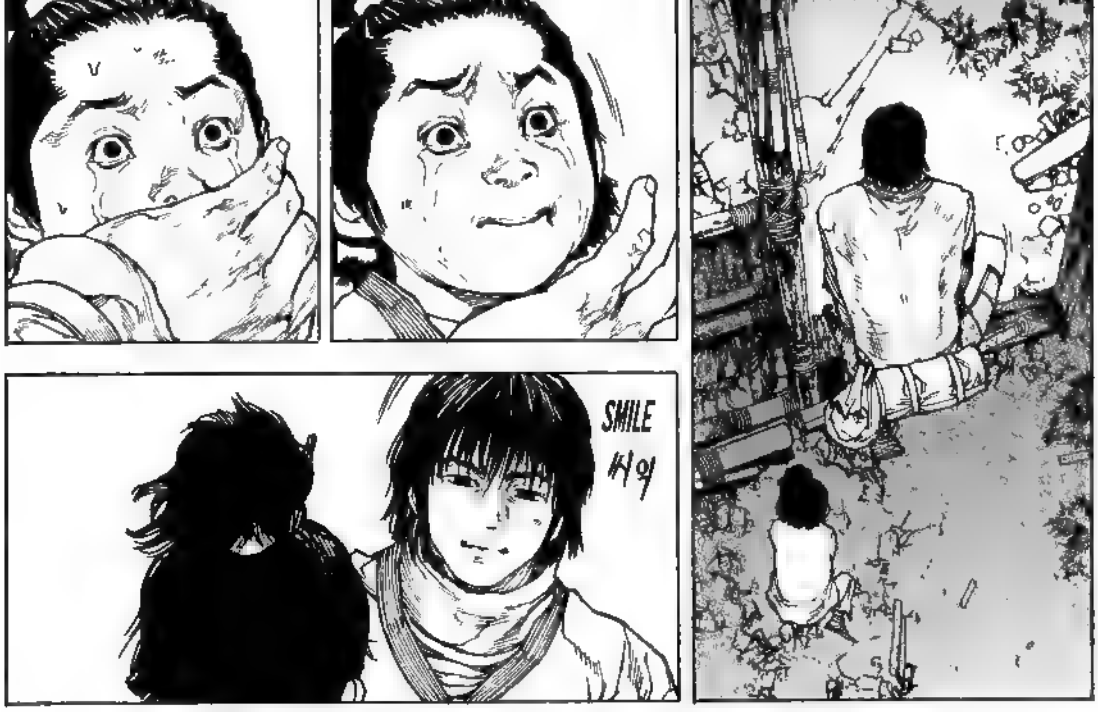


ALL CLEAR.

GOOD, WE'RE GOING UP.

KRRK

MPH!
SHH! I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU. JUST SIT STILL AND BE QUIET, OKAY? ALL RIGHT, I'M GONNA UNCOVER YOUR MOUTH NOW...I'M TRUSTING YOU.


SMILE
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...HUH?

DA...DADDY...?

EEYAAUGH!!
DADDY!!
NEJO, YOU IDIOT!

OPEN FIRE!
IT'S THEM!
FWOO
FWOO
FWOO

MOVE!!
PTT

SKKRRRCH
AAGH!
PKK

KTKK

CHOK

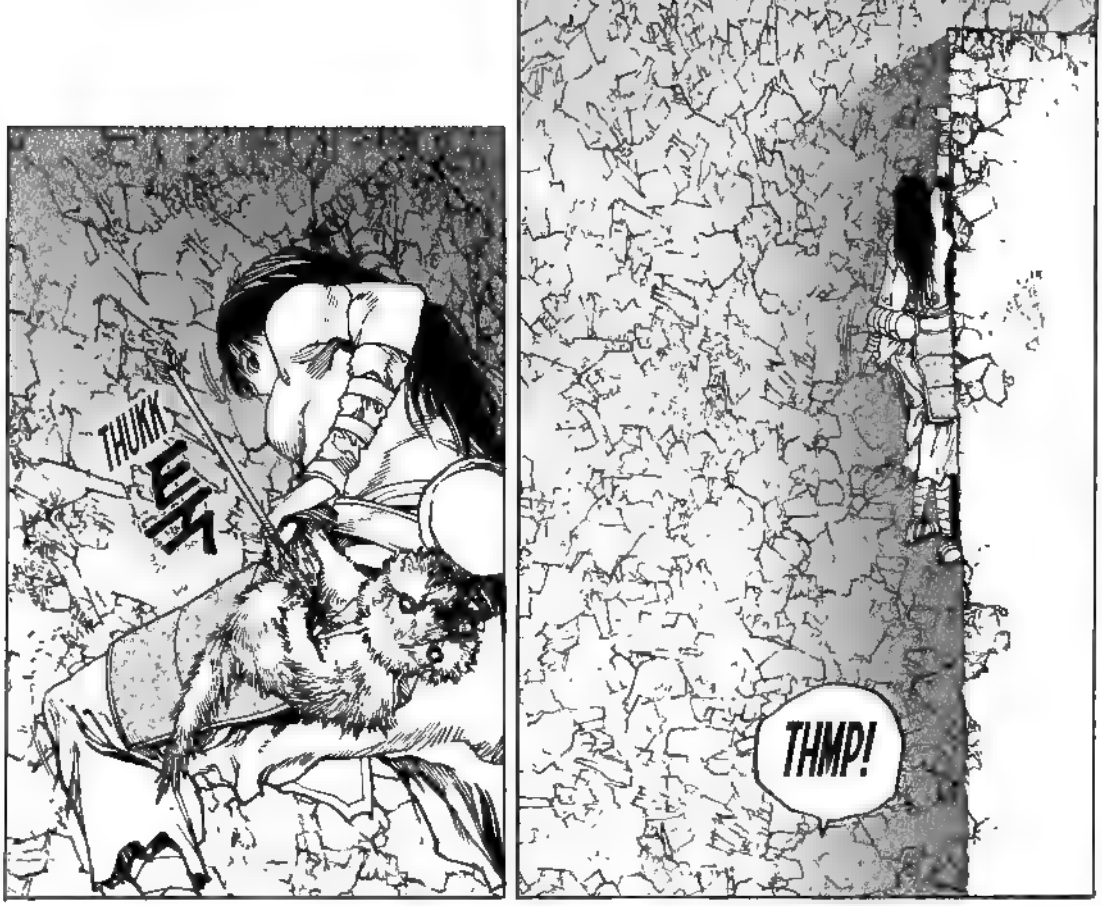
YAAH! MY LEG!

GET THEM! SHOOT!

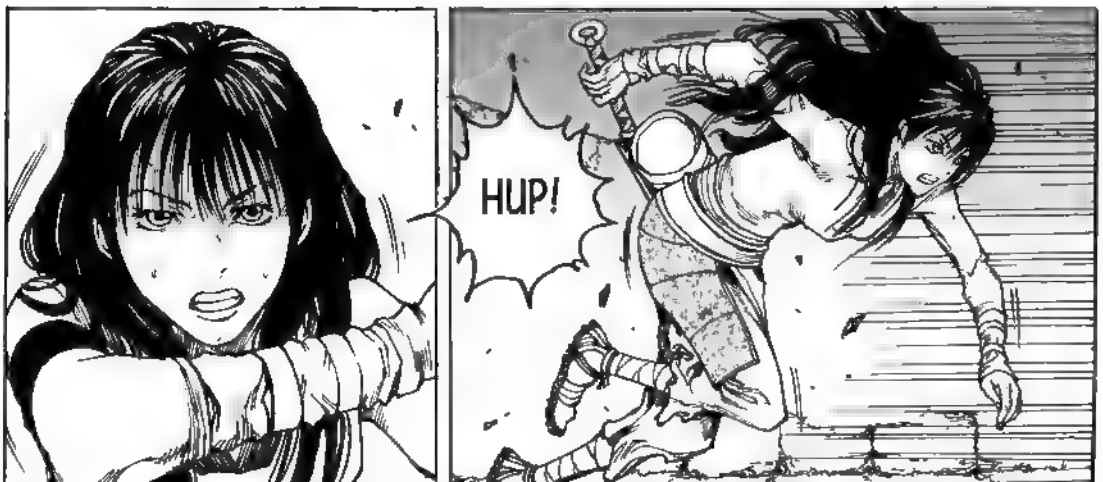
CHOOM CHOOM CH-CHOOM

YAIEEE!

MOVE IN AMONG THEM! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID BEING SHOT!


THUNK
THMP!

STOP SHOOTING! WE MIGHT HIT OUR OWN MEN!


HUP!

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NEJO! RUN TO THE PORTHOLE!
GAH! ONE OF 'EM'S UP HERE!
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FFT 끄아

FSHH

FSHH

TP TP TP TP

KTHD

AAAAHH!

FTCH

GET HER!

SHUK

ARRGH!

WHOO
CHOK
SLITCH

ARGH!
UP THERE! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

GET HER!
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HRAAAGH!
KTCH
FOOWSH
TMP
NOW! LET'S GO!

GET DOWN THERE! BLOCK THEM!
CHAK
KRAK

GET THEM!
DON'T LOSE 'EM!

CNCH
저벅
저벅
CRNCH
퍽
THOKK
DON'T YOU DARE LOOK AT ME!

WHUMP
KRAK
KRAK
KTCHINNG
THAT'S ENOUGH.
SHUT UP! I'M TAKING CARE OF THIS FOOL ONCE AND FOR--

I SAID ENOUGH...

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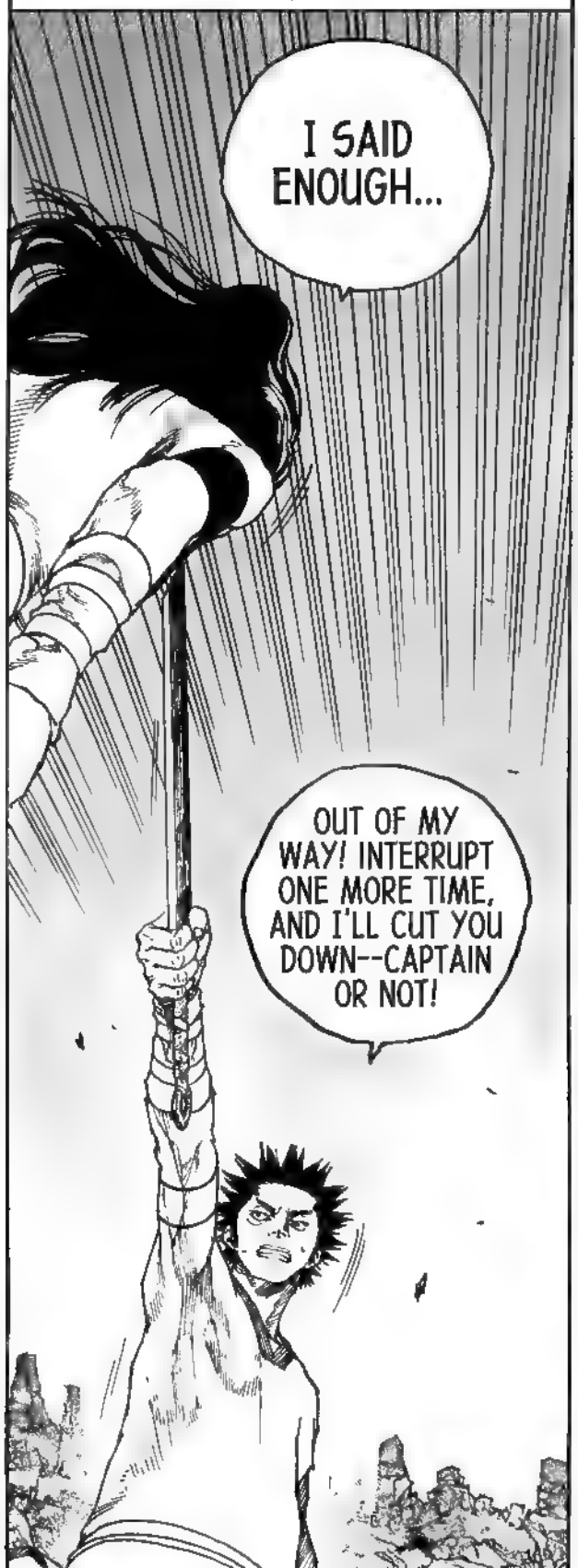
I SAID ENOUGH...
OUT OF MY WAY! INTERRUPT ONE MORE TIME, AND I'LL CUT YOU DOWN--CAPTAIN OR NOT!

NOW IT COMES OUT. WANNA FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED YESTERDAY?
YAKI--
YOU BE QUIET.

IT'S ME YOU *REALLY* HAVE A BEEF WITH, NOT NEJO. AIN'T THAT RIGHT? WELL, YOU WANNA FIGHT WHILE KIMARU'S NOT HERE?!

LET'S FINISH THIS RIGHT NOW.

WELL, WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE ALL TALK WHEN SOMEONE CAN HIT BACK. JUST A LITTLE BITCH WITH A BIG MOUTH, AIN'TCHA?

GRAAGH!
KTCHNNG
KRANNG
HWOOOSH

CHFF
KSSHH

KANRANNG
OH
HYAH!
SHOO
PNNT

YAAH!

THWAK
KSHKOFF

FPP
POKK
RUSH
SKFFMMP
YAKI, STOP!
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MIND YOUR GODDAMN BUSINESS!

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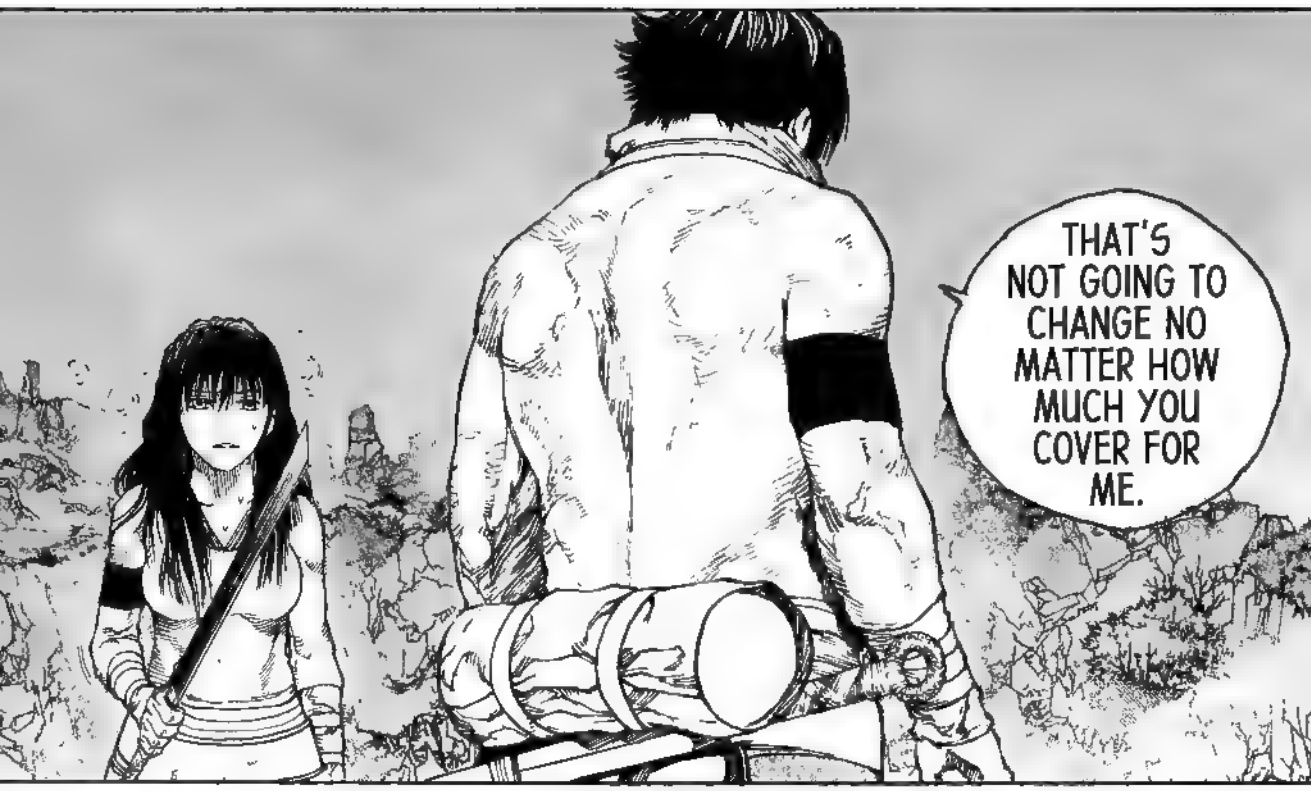
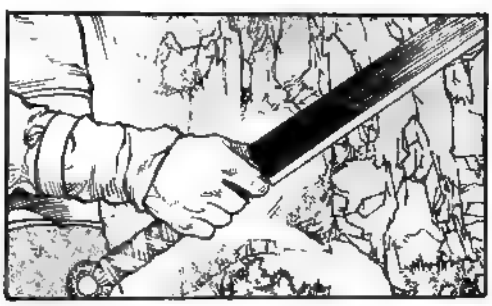
THAT'S ENOUGH, YAKI! THIS WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE FOR ME!

I SCREWED UP...


THAT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU COVER FOR ME.



SIGH...

LET'S END THIS MEANINGLESS FIGHT.
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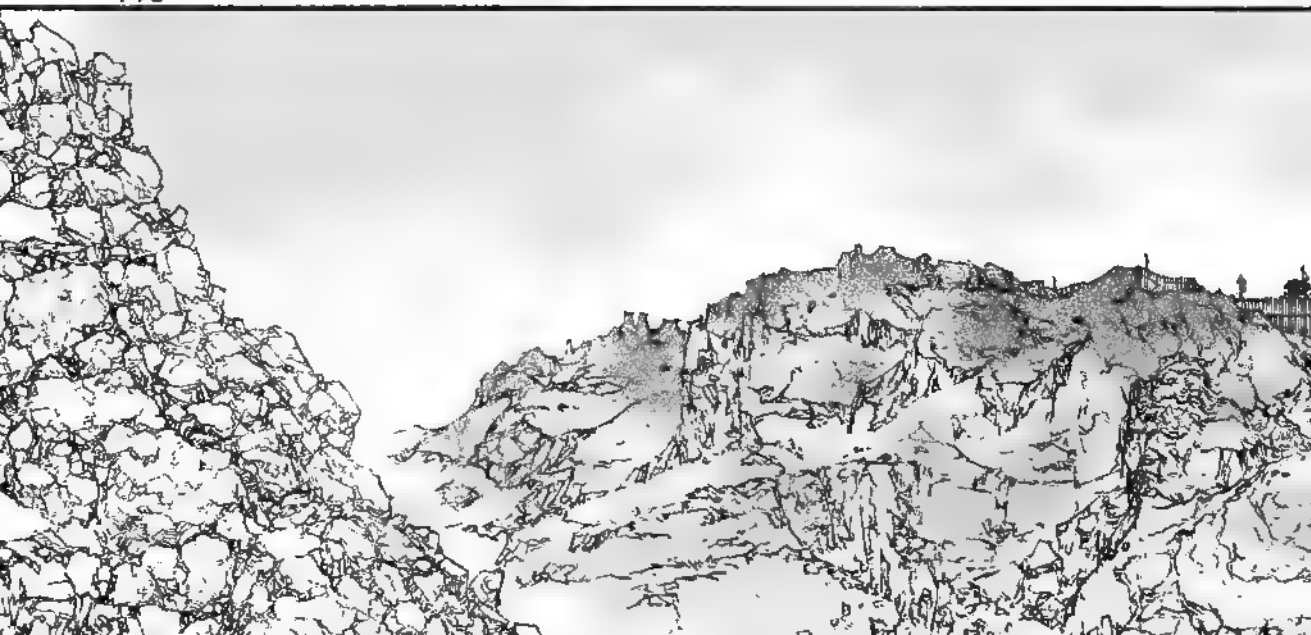
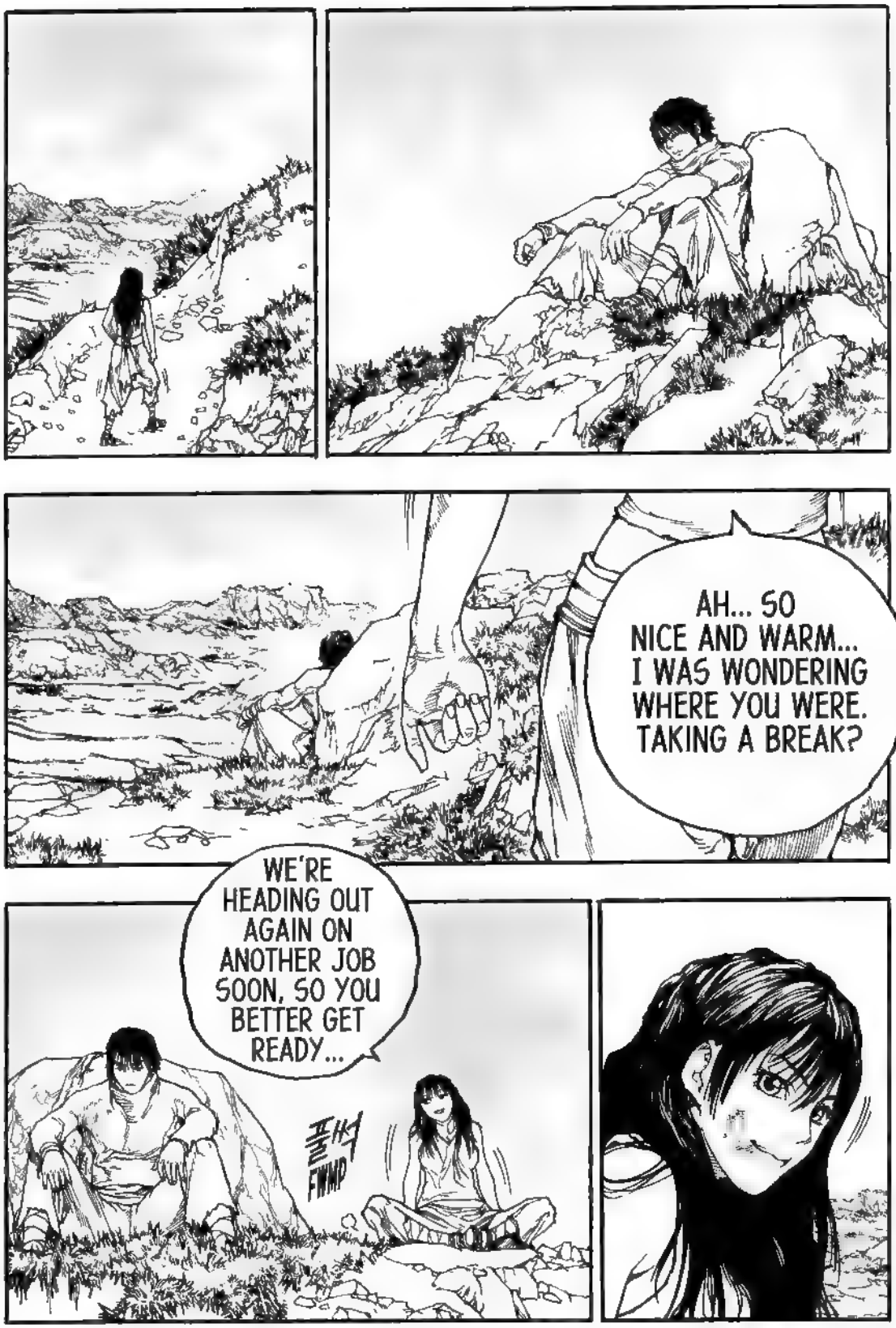
LISTEN... IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME, JUST LEAVE. NEJO AND I WILL FINISH THIS.
CAPTAIN, WHAT--?!
WANNA MAKE A BET?
BET?
SO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO A PSYCHO WITH NOTHING BUT KILLING IN HER HEAD AND THE WORST ASSASSIN IN HISTORY, HUH?
IF NEJO AND I SUCCEED IN OUR NEXT MISSION, JUST THE TWO OF US, YOU LEAVE HIM ALONE FROM NOW ON. DEAL?
AND IF YOU FAIL?
THEN I'LL RESIGN AS CAPTAIN AND LET YOU TAKE OVER. THIS IS BETTER THAN FIGHTING UNTIL ONE OF US IS KILLED, DON'T YOU THINK?

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S GET MOVING, THEN. WE RUN NONSTOP UNTIL WE'RE OUT OF THIS TERRITORY.
DON'T BE TOO SMUG. YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR BACK FROM NOW ON--EVEN WHEN YOU'RE ON DUTY.




AH... SO NICE AND WARM... I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WERE. TAKING A BREAK?
WE'RE HEADING OUT AGAIN ON ANOTHER JOB SOON, SO YOU BETTER GET READY...
FWMP

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
OH, THIS? YOU KNOW, FROM KIMARU A LITTLE WHILE AGO. THAT WAS EMBARRASSING IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS....

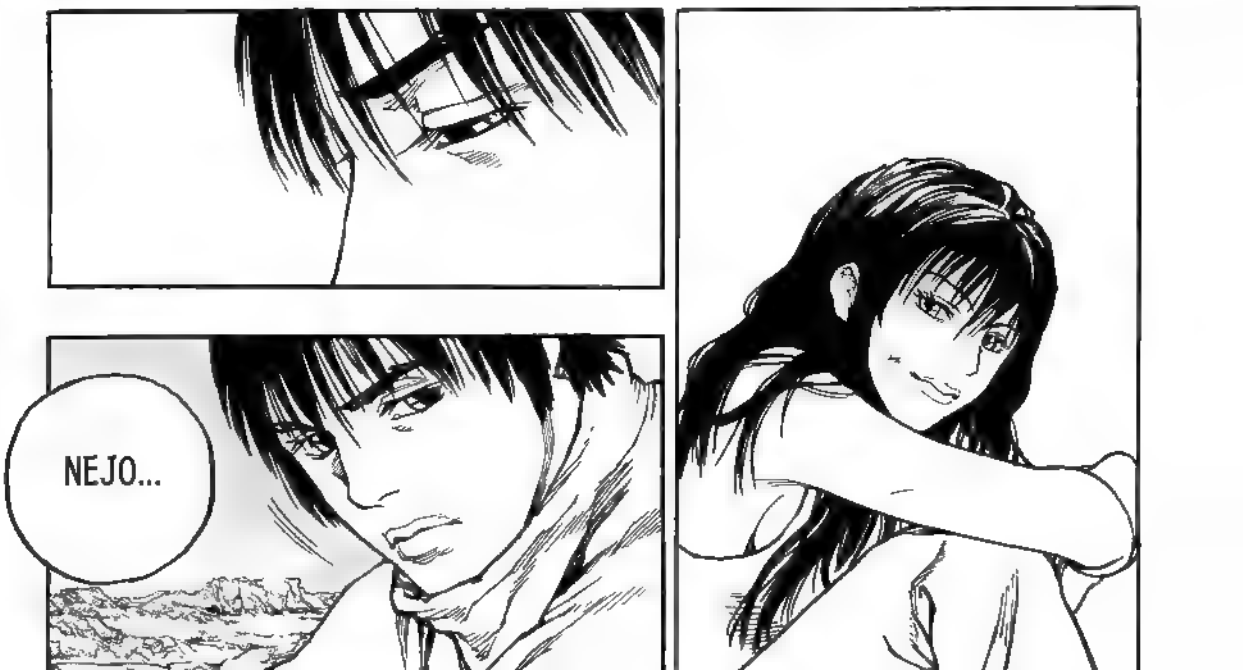
HEY, BEFORE WE GO, LET'S FIND A WAY TO TAKE THAT SPIKY-HAIRED BUTTHEAD DOWN A PEG.
HEE HEE HEE... THIS SHOULD BE FUN.

HEY, ON THIS ASSIGNMENT...
YEAH? DID YOU THINK OF SOME-THING?

...I THINK YOU SHOULD GO WITHOUT ME...
WHAT?

I'M AFRAID YOU'LL GET HURT BECAUSE OF ME. I'VE BEEN FEELING LIKE A BURDEN TO YOU FOR A WHILE NOW... AND I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS NEXT JOB...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...? ARE YOU STILL BROODING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE?
HEY, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH BECAUSE OF ME WHEN WE WERE KIDS.
YOU USED TO ASK ME IF I WAS OKAY WITH BLOOD ON YOUR FACE ALL THE TIME...
DID YOU EVER THINK YOU WERE A BURDEN TO ME BACK THEN?
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.
HEY, STOP WITH THE SELF-PITY. THE ONLY REASON I'M EVEN HERE RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE OF YOU.


NEJO...

I...I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU.

NOW LET'S GO, WE'RE REALLY GONNA GET IT IF WE'RE LATE AGAIN.

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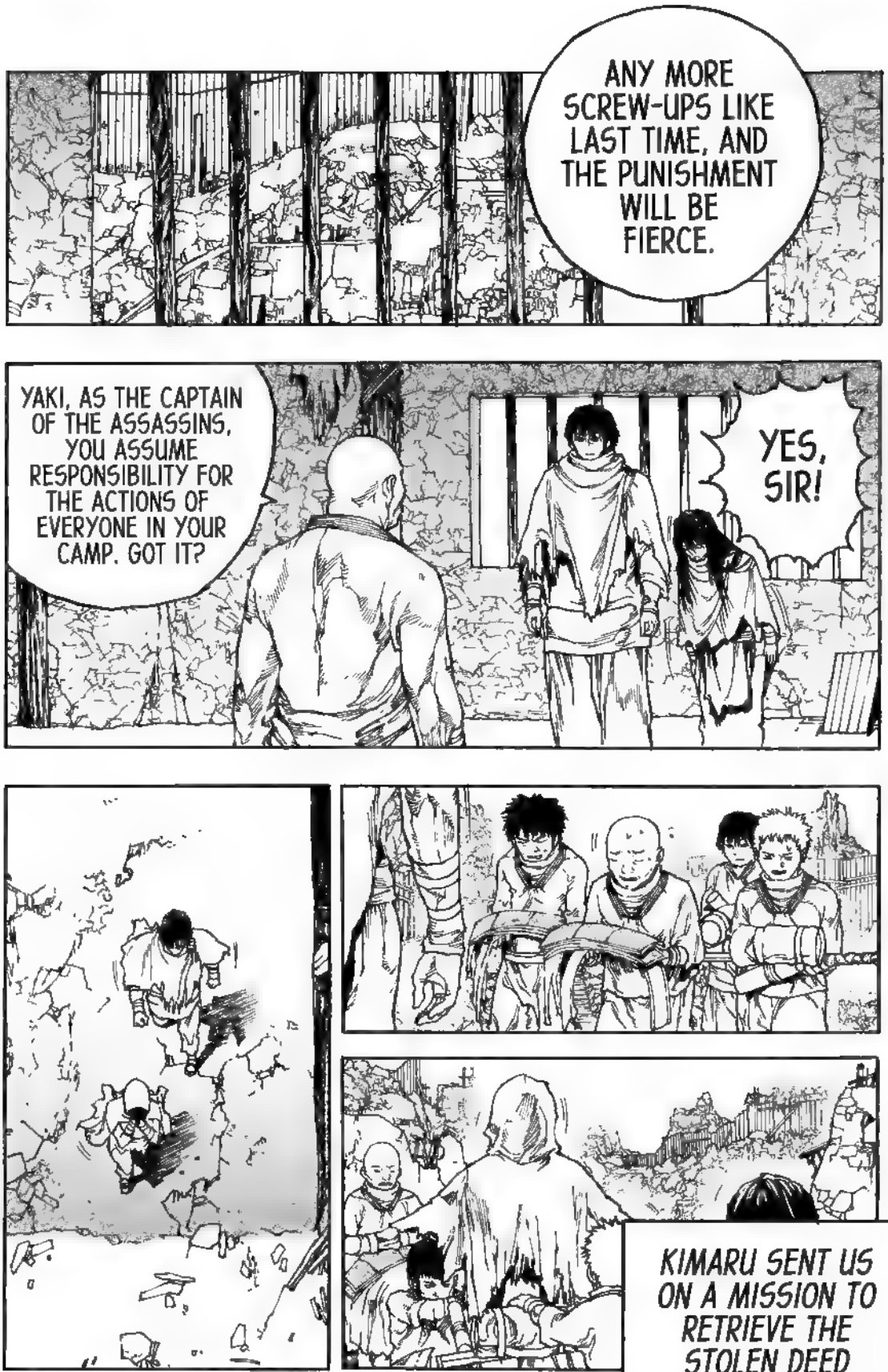
HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT?

I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP NOW.

HUH ...?

HEH HEH...LET'S HURRY.


ANY MORE SCREW-UPS LIKE LAST TIME, AND THE PUNISHMENT WILL BE FIERCE.
YAKI, AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE ASSASSINS, YOU ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIONS OF EVERYONE IN YOUR CAMP. GOT IT?
YES, SIR!
KIMARU SENT US ON A MISSION TO RETRIEVE THE STOLEN DEED TO OUR LAND.

SUCH DEEDS GIVE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP TO A CLAN'S TERRITORY. THEY ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO A CLAN THAN THE LIVES OF ITS WARRIORS.
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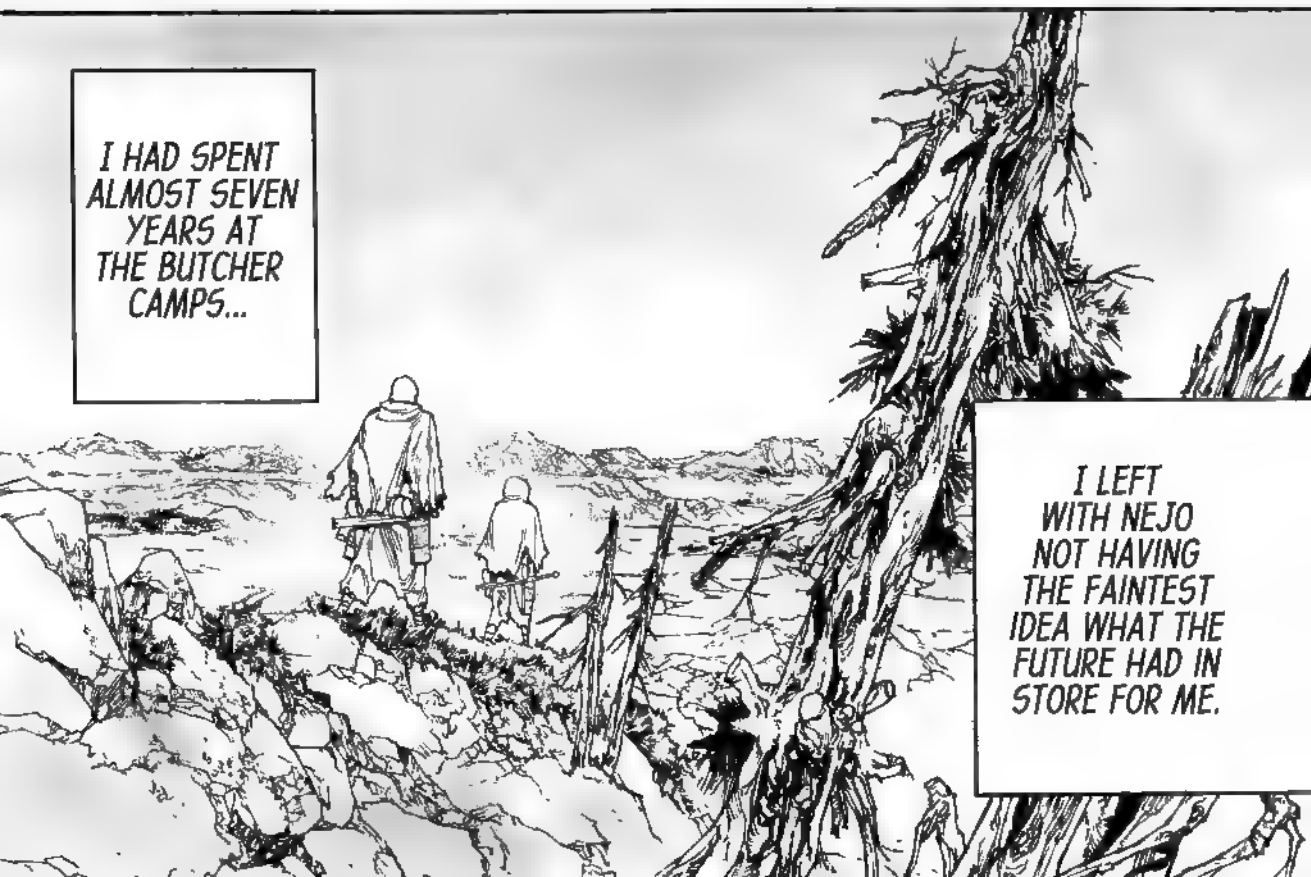
SHFF
BUT I WAS MORE EXCITED ABOUT LEAVING WITH NEJO THAN ANY PIECE OF PAPER.


I HAD SPENT ALMOST SEVEN YEARS AT THE BUTCHER CAMPS...
I LEFT WITH NEJO NOT HAVING THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT THE FUTURE HAD IN STORE FOR ME.

MANUTU...
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HWEEEEEE
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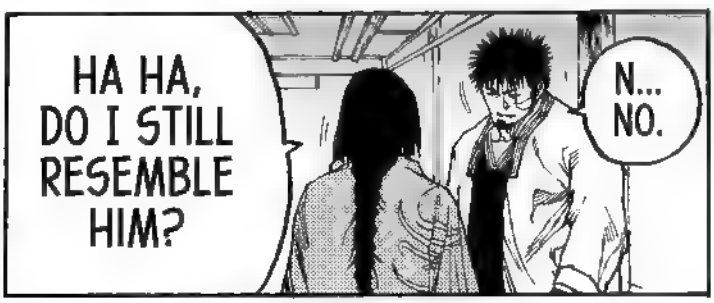
CHNNG
철컹
CHNNG
철컹

THANK YOU. IT'S WITH GREAT CONCERN FOR MY BROTHERS-IN-ARMS THAT I RETURN.
I NEED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH THE KING. I WOULD LIKE THE OPINION OF THE OTHER WARRIORS AS WELL. SO PLEASE GATHER EVERYONE.
WELCOME BACK, COMMANDER.
YES, SIR.


HA HA, DO I STILL RESEMBLE HIM?
N... NO.

I HOPE MY RESEMBLANCE EXTENDS TO HIS GREAT BRAVERY AS WELL.
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THE POWER IN KUGAI IS SHIFTING FROM THE KING TO THE GENERAL.

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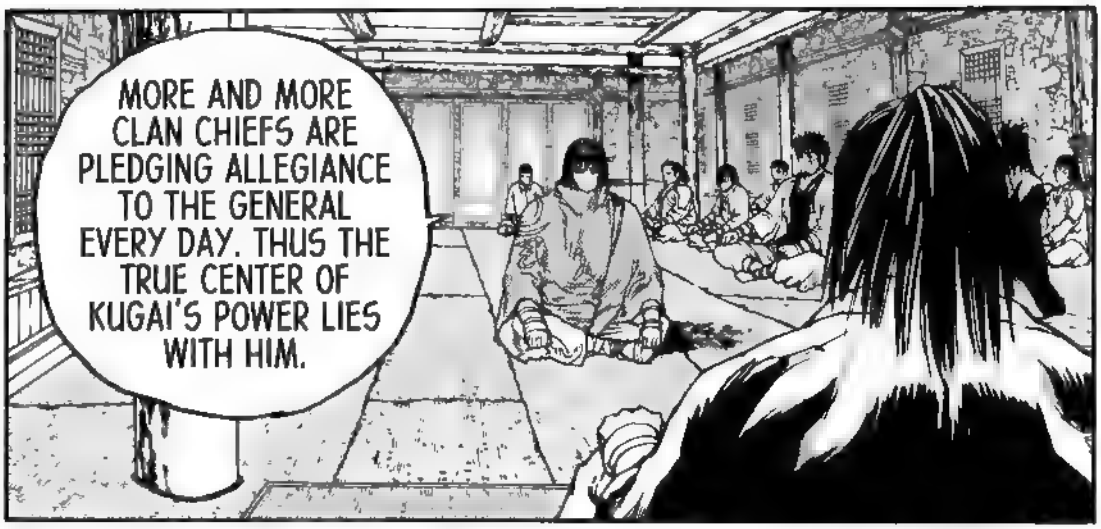
저벅
CRNCH
저벅


MORE AND MORE CLAN CHIEFS ARE PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO THE GENERAL EVERY DAY. THUS THE TRUE CENTER OF KUGAI'S POWER LIES WITH HIM.

SO AS LONG AS THE KING AND THE GENERAL STAND UNITED, THEIR GRIP ON POWER WILL REMAIN STRONG.

YES, EXACTLY.

BUT TO MAINTAIN SUCH A LARGE EMPIRE, KUGAI HAS HAD TO SETTLE FOR TENUOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANY OF THE CLANS IT'S CONQUERED.
AFTER TEN YEARS, THOSE CLANS ARE STARTING TO BECOME RESTLESS, AND IT'S ONLY UNDER THE GENERAL'S LEADERSHIP THAT KUGAI HAS MAINTAINED ANY SEMBLANCE OF CONTROL.
I SEE...SO THAT'S WHY THE GENERAL'S BEEN MAKING THE ROUNDS.
THE STRENGTH OF KUGAI RELIES ON THE BONDS BETWEEN MANY POWERFUL CLANS. IT'S A KNOT HELD TOGETHER BY THE GENERAL. IF WE CAN BREAK THE KNOT, KUGAI CAN BE DESTROYED.
WHICH LEADS US TO ONE COURSE OF ACTION...

!
...THE ASSASSINATION OF THE GENERAL.

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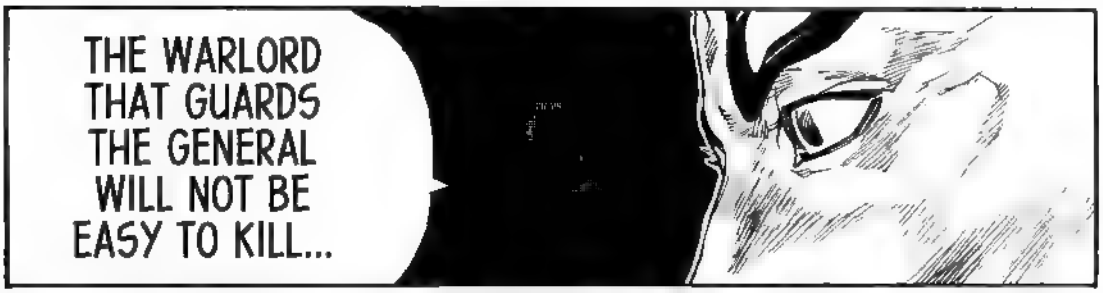
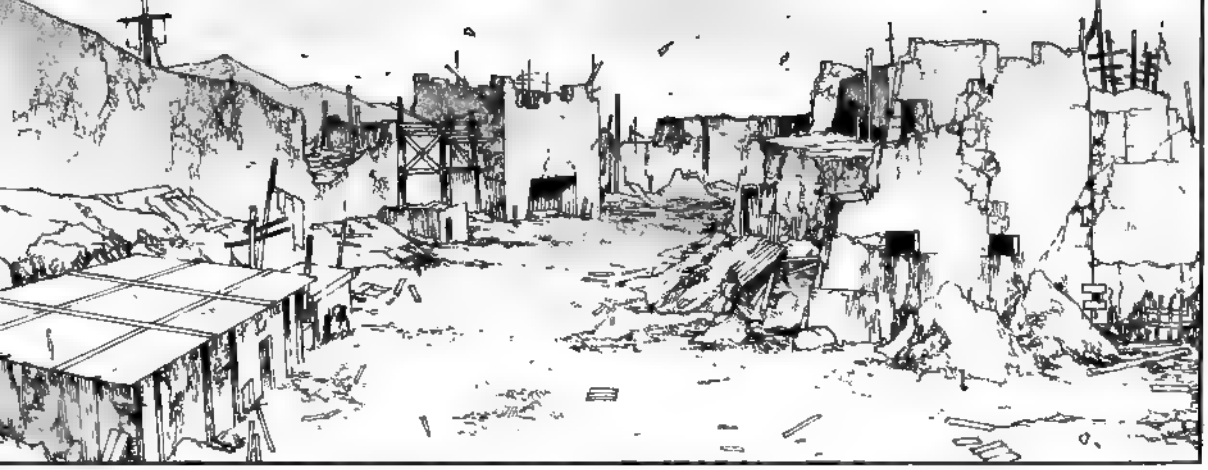
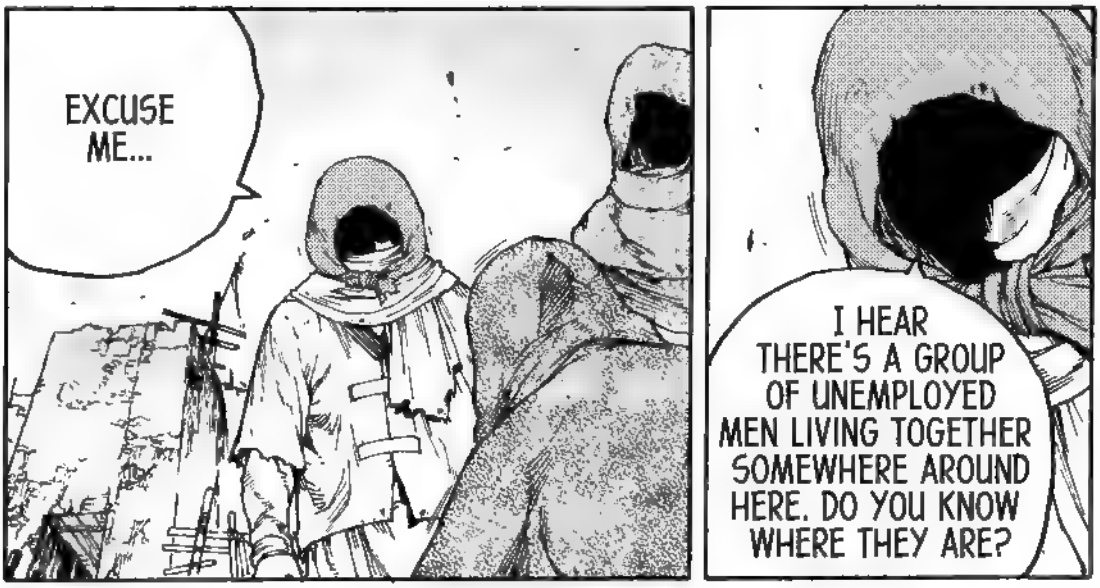
CHATTER
웅성
CHATTER
WITH THE GENERAL DEAD, KUGAI WILL BE IN COMPLETE DISARRAY. THEN WE CAN USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE AND LAUNCH A MASSIVE ATTACK WITH THE MANUTU RESERVES IN MARUCHETTE.


THE WARLORD THAT GUARDS THE GENERAL WILL NOT BE EASY TO KILL...

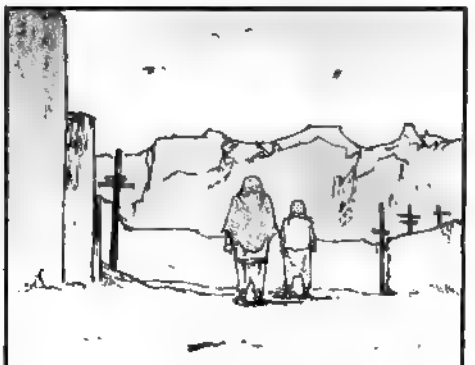
DIFFICULT, YES, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. WE MUST TRY. AND IF WE LAUNCH OUR ATTACK TWO DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL HAS BEEN KILLED, WE WILL HAVE A GREAT CHANCE OF WINNING THE WAR.

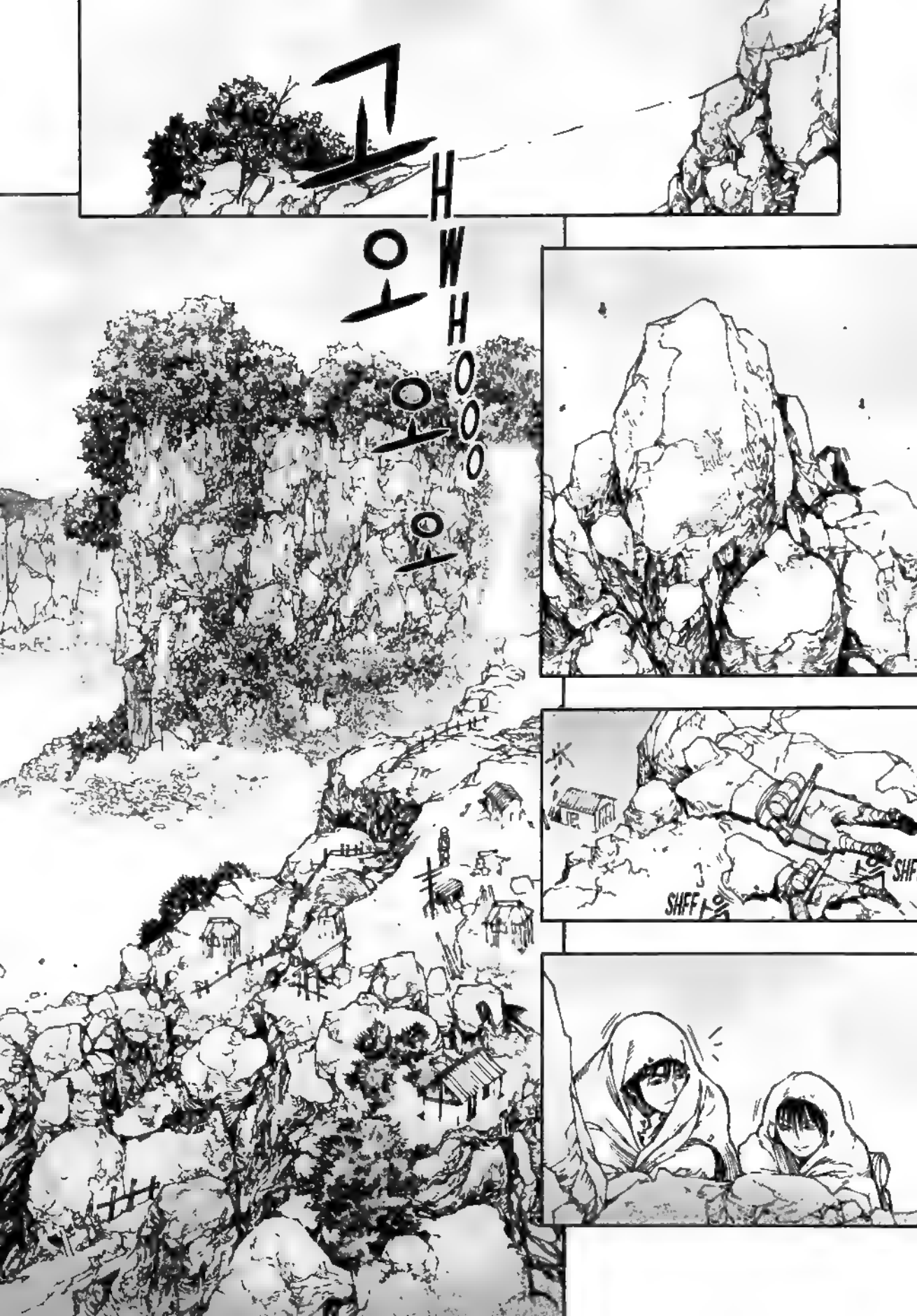
IF WE SUCCEED... THE MANUTU FLAG WILL FLY HIGH IN THE SKIES OF KUGAI.



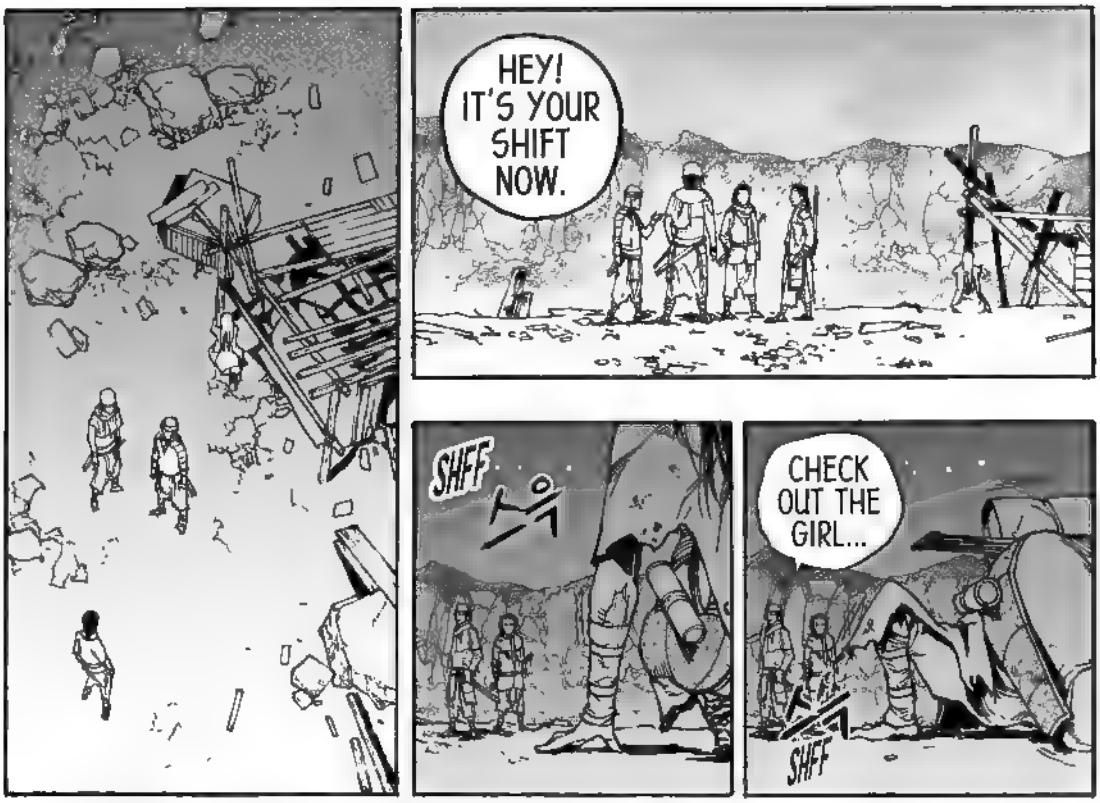

EXCUSE ME...
I HEAR THERE'S A GROUP OF UNEMPLOYED MEN LIVING TOGETHER SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

OH, YOU WANT TO JOIN THEM, TOO, HUH? WELL, GO THIS WAY ABOUT HALF A DAY, AND YOU'LL FIND THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS BESIDE THE WATERFALL. I'VE HEARD THAT SOME SHADY THINGS GO ON OVER THERE, SO YOU BE CAREFUL. I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE WANTS TO JOIN THEM...




WHOOOOOOO
SHFF
SHF

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THE STORAGE SHED LOOKS THE MOST HEAVILY GUARDED, BUT I BET THE LEADER KEEPS THE DEED NEAR HIMSELF.
LOOKS LIKE THERE'RE MORE PEOPLE NOW THAN THREE DAYS AGO...DO YOU THINK THEY'RE WARRIORS?
NAW! THEY JUST LOOK LIKE TAG-A-LONGS.
YEAH, I AGREE. ANYWAY, DID YOU FIND SOMEONE?
YEAH... THAT GUY OVER THERE.
OKAY, CLOSE ENOUGH. ANYWAY, HOPEFULLY WE'LL PULL THIS OFF AND FIND OUT WHERE THE DEED IS BEFORE THEY MOVE IT.
OKAY, YOU KNOW THE PLAN, RIGHT? YOUR ROLE IS CRUCIAL, SO DON'T BUNGLE IT.
GOT IT.
ALL RIGHT, WE GO IN WHEN THAT GUY STARTS HIS SHIFT.


HEY! IT'S YOUR SHIFT NOW.
SHFF
CHECK OUT THE GIRL...
SHFF

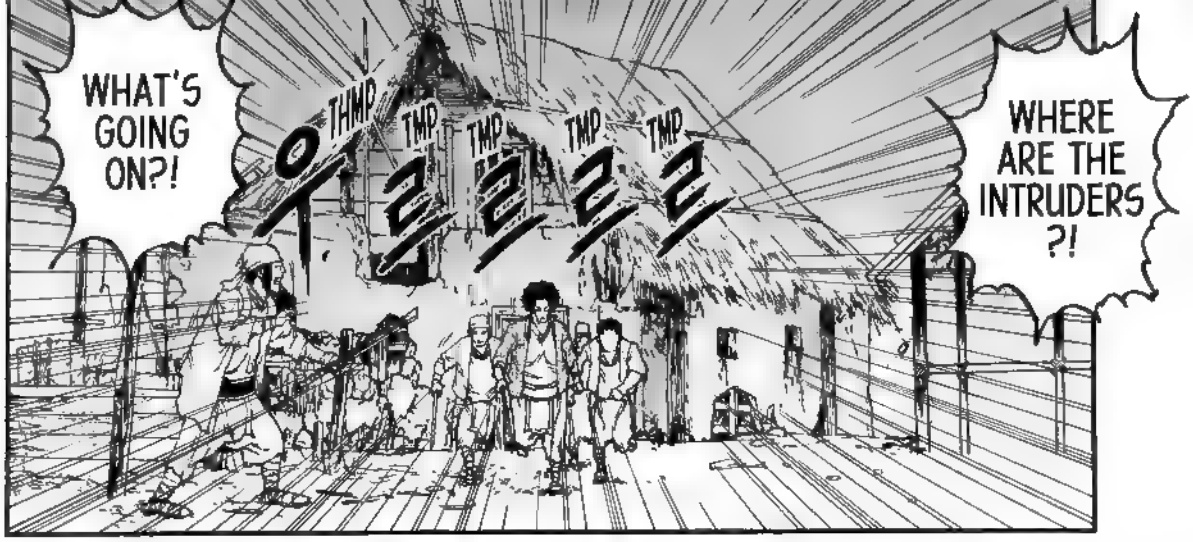
HEH HEH HEH! IT'S A SHAME WE HAVE TO SELL HER...

HUH...? WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
IS IT A WILD DOG?
SHWOOSH
KNCH
KNCH
SPLITCH
HRRK!

HUH?!
TMP
TP TP TP
WHO--?!

SHUKK

HA HA HA! NOW THAT WE GOT SOME LAND, WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN TERRITORY!
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! HA HA HA!
AAUGH! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
HUH? WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
132
BOSS! THE STORAGE SHED IS UNDER ATTACK!
KATHUMP 철퍼덕
WHAT?! WAKE EVERYONE AND GET TO THE STORAGE SHED!
YES, SIR!


WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHERE ARE THE INTRUDERS ?!

LOOK, THE GIRL'S STILL ALIVE!
THAP
OUTTA MY WAY!

WHAT HAPPENED HERE? WHERE IS EVERYONE ?!
HK!
GRAB

I DON'T KNOW. THEY ATTACKED OUT OF NOWHERE... THEY RAN AWAY DOWN THE HILL.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
FWSH
LEAVE HER. WE GOTTA CATCH 'EM!

THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!
HURRY! AFTER THEM!

쭈우욱
SLRRRP

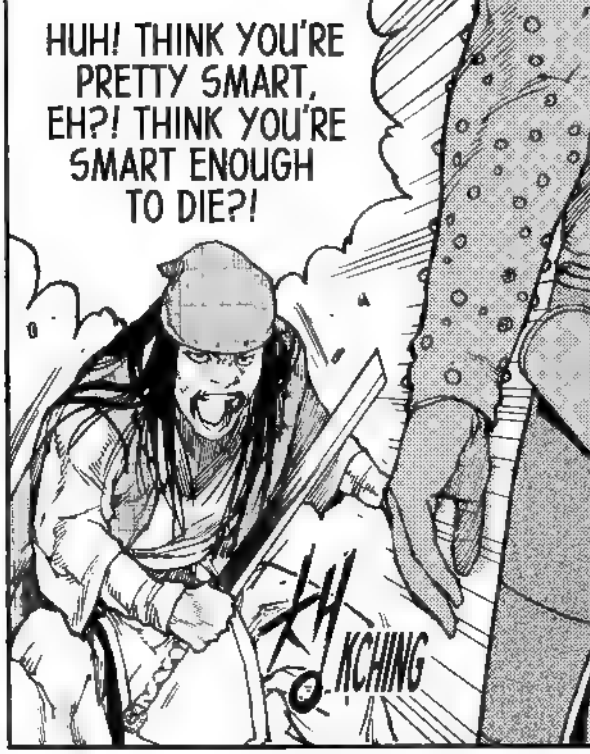
I BET THEY WERE LOOKING FOR THE DEED. IDIOTS...THINK IT'D BE THAT EASY TO FIND?
PAT
PAT

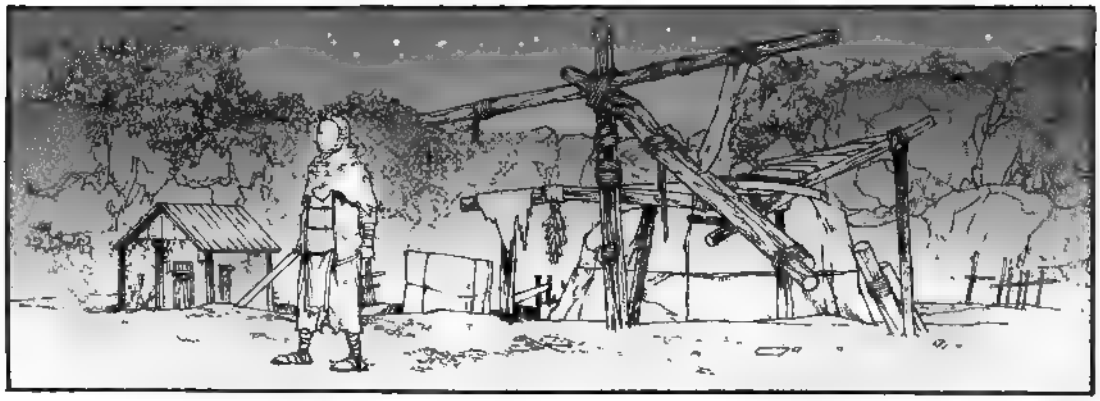
AAAH!

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU DOING JUST STANDING THERE?!

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?!
SHK

I'VE GOT NO BEEF WITH YOU. JUST GIVE ME THE DEED, AND I'LL LEAVE QUIETLY.

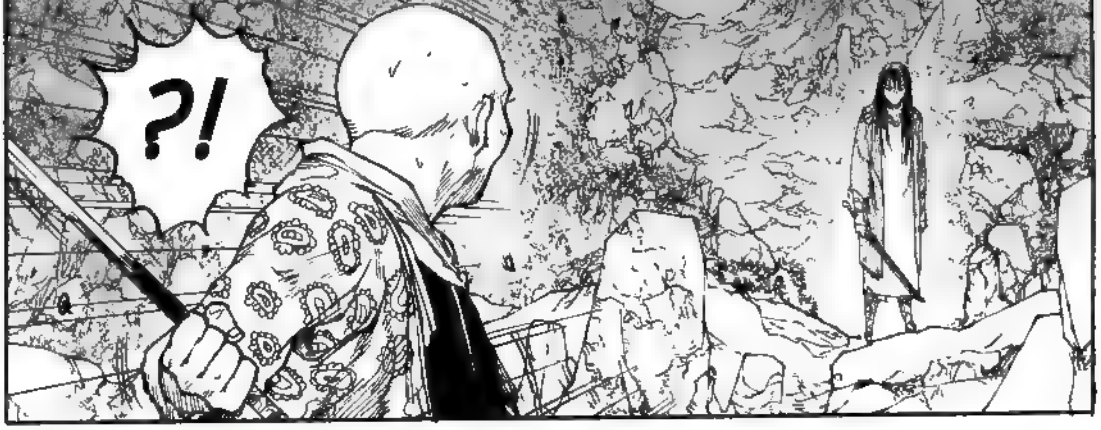

HUH! THINK YOU'RE PRETTY SMART, EH?! THINK YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO DIE?!
KCHING



ERK!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

F-THUMP

DON'T LOSE 'EM!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY?!
SKRRCH
SHFF
CRAP! GO BACK UP!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE!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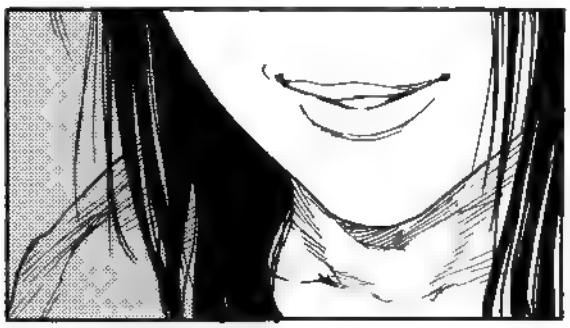
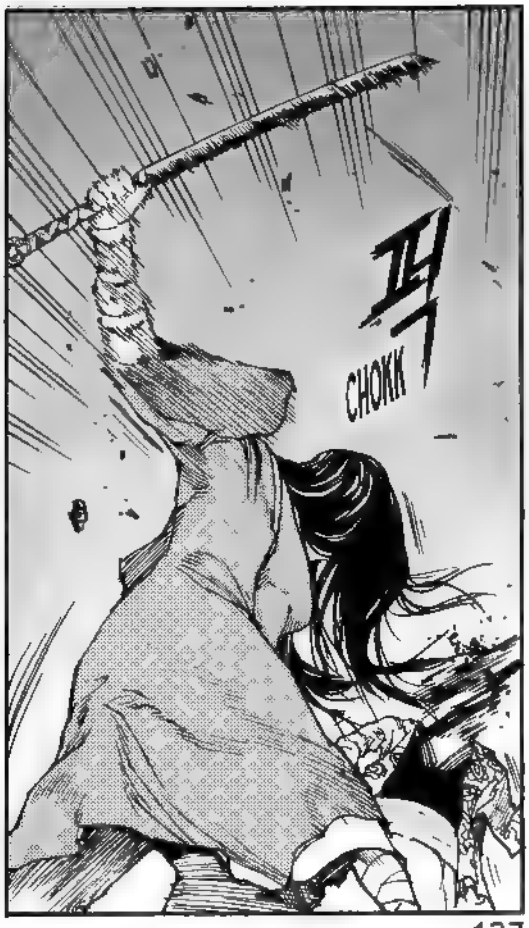
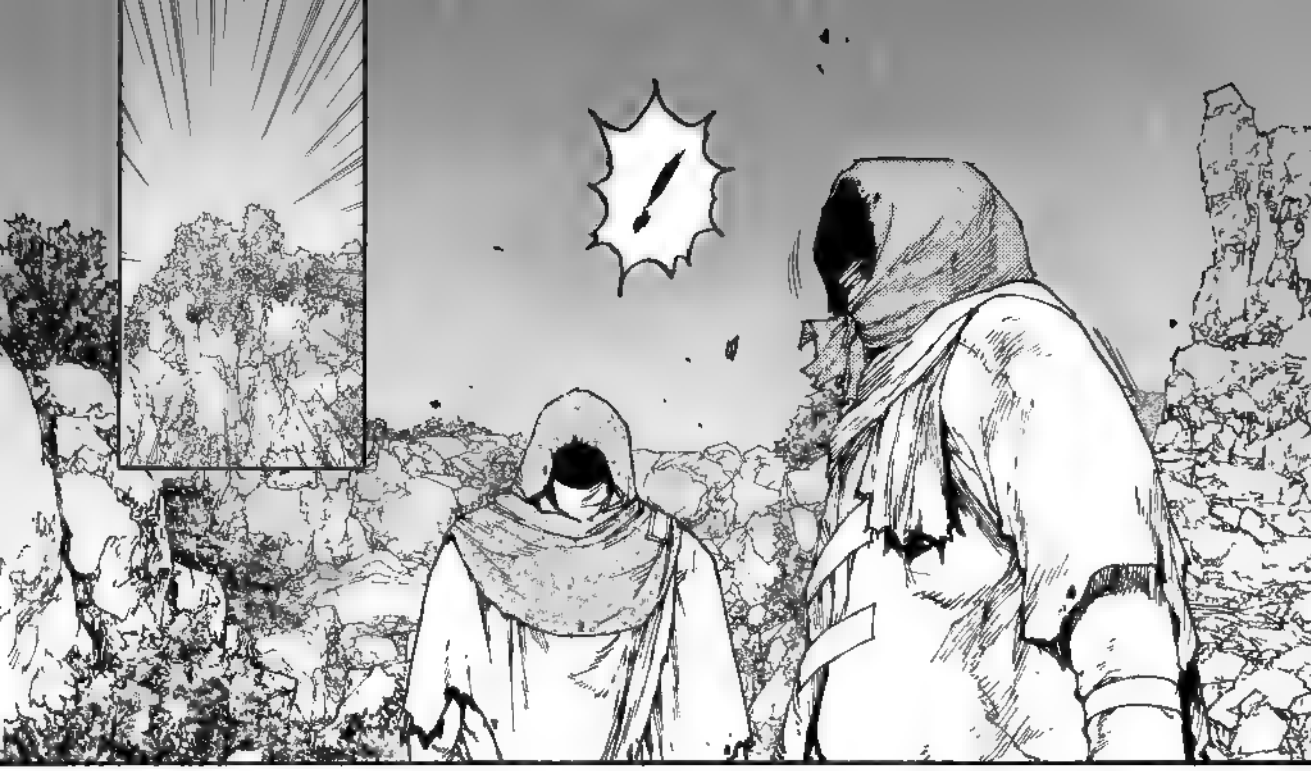
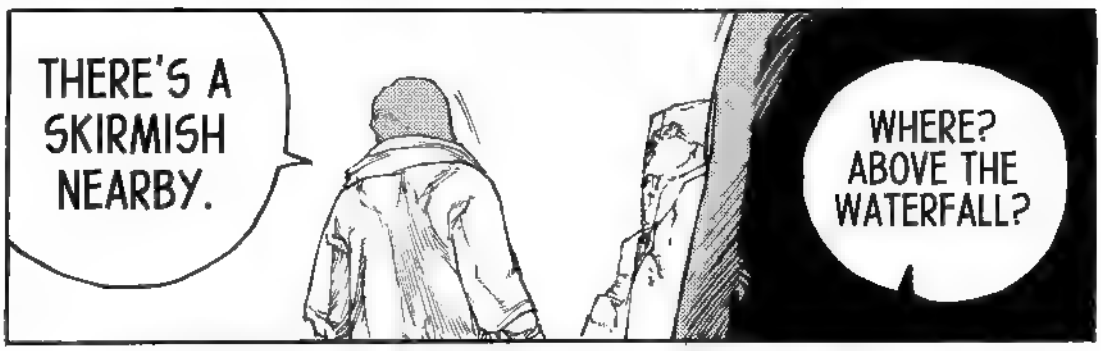
WHO THE HELL ARE *YOU*?! QUICK--IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

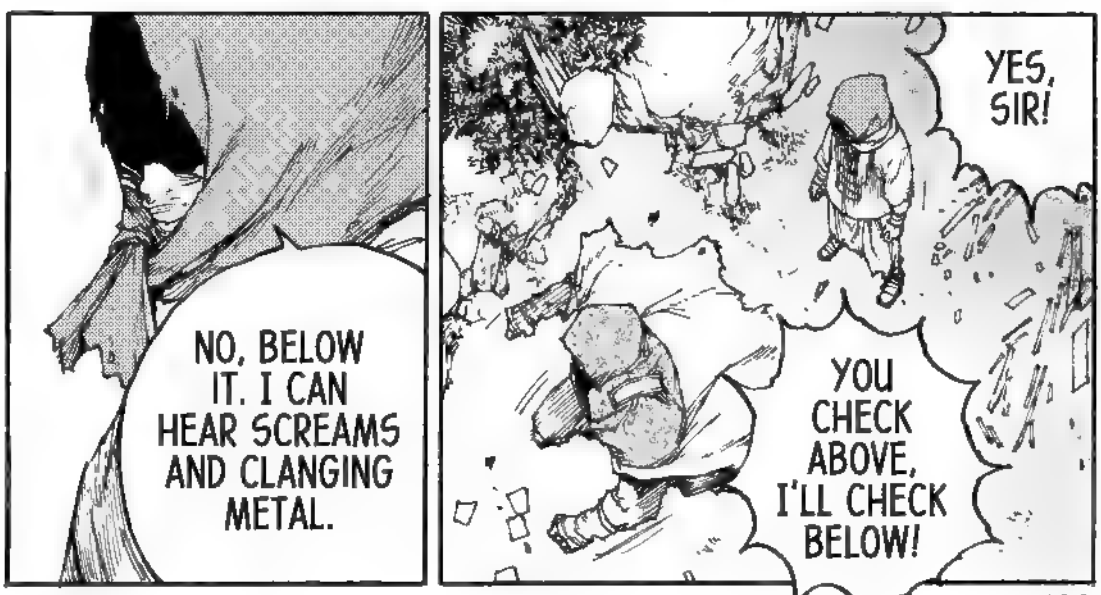



CHOKK

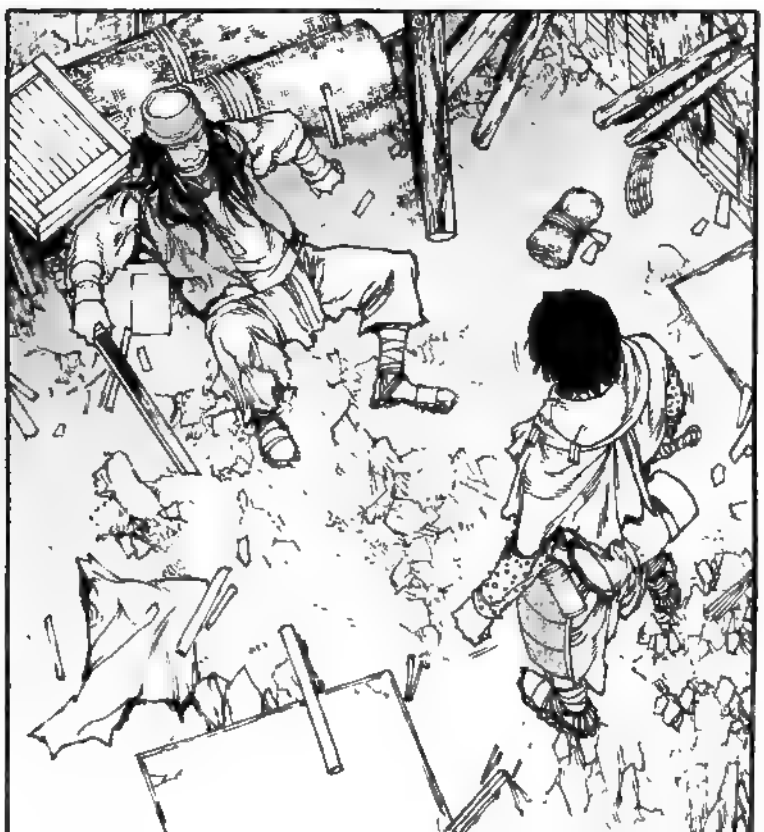
NO ONE GOES A STEP FURTHER!
ATTAAACK!
TMP TP TP TP TP
SLITCH
ARRGH!




THERE'S A SKIRMISH NEARBY.
WHERE? ABOVE THE WATERFALL?

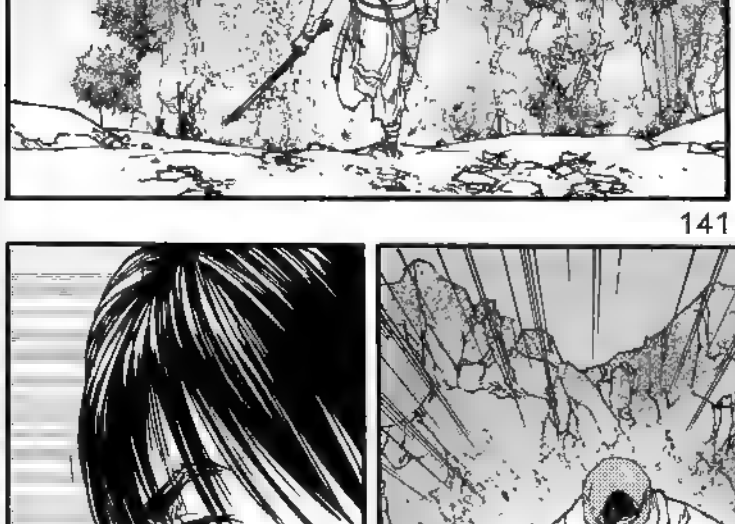

NO, BELOW IT. I CAN HEAR SCREAMS AND CLANGING METAL.
YES, SIR!
YOU CHECK ABOVE, I'LL CHECK BELOW!

TMP
TP
TP
TP
TP
타다다다다



뒤적
SHUFF
SHUFF
뒤적
DON'T WORRY, YOU WON'T DIE. I DIDN'T STRIKE YOU IN ANY VITAL AREAS. NOW JUST SLEEP...

터덕
TMP
FMP



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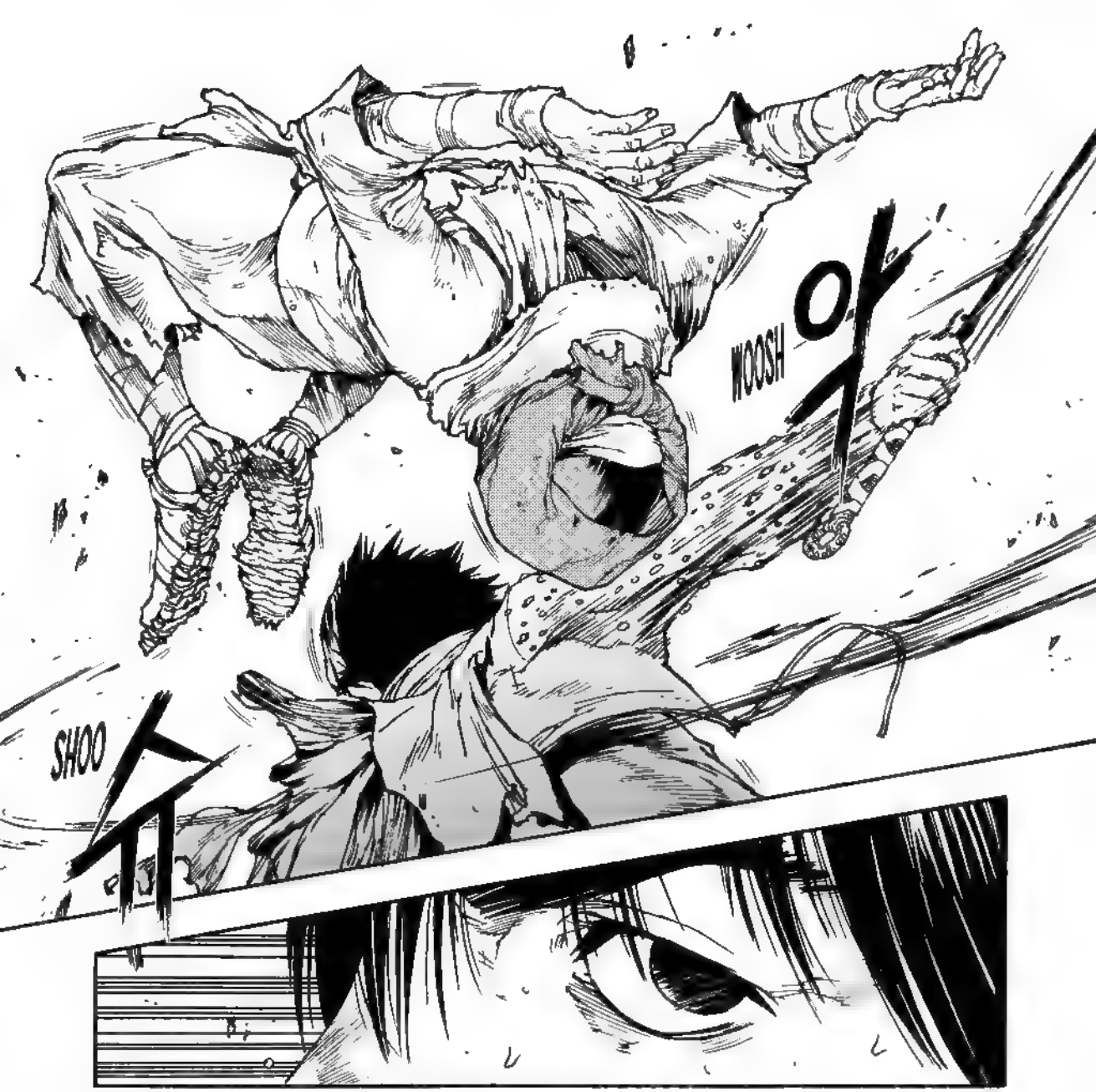
ARE YOU A WARRIOR LIVING HERE?
UH... YES.

ARE YOU UNDER ATTACK? WHERE ARE THE INTRUDERS?

SO THEY MUST BE BELOW!
WHIRL
휘

THEY ALREADY BOLTED. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CHASE AFTER THEM MYSELF.

DAMN...I CAN'T LET HIM REACH YAKI. I HAVE TO STOP HIM HERE!
끼익
THMP
FMP
휘릭
FWOOSH
HYAAAH!



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HRAAH!
TWOOO
SHOOM
FWOOO
CHFF

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TMP

HUH ?!
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HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A SHAMAN BEFORE?
YOUR EYES! WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
SHAMAN?

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS! WHY DON'T YOU DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND STOP RIGHT NOW?

HE'S TOUGH...AND DANGEROUS! IF I LET HIM GO, YAKI MIGHT BE IN DANGER!

GRRR!

SHUT UP AND FIGHT!

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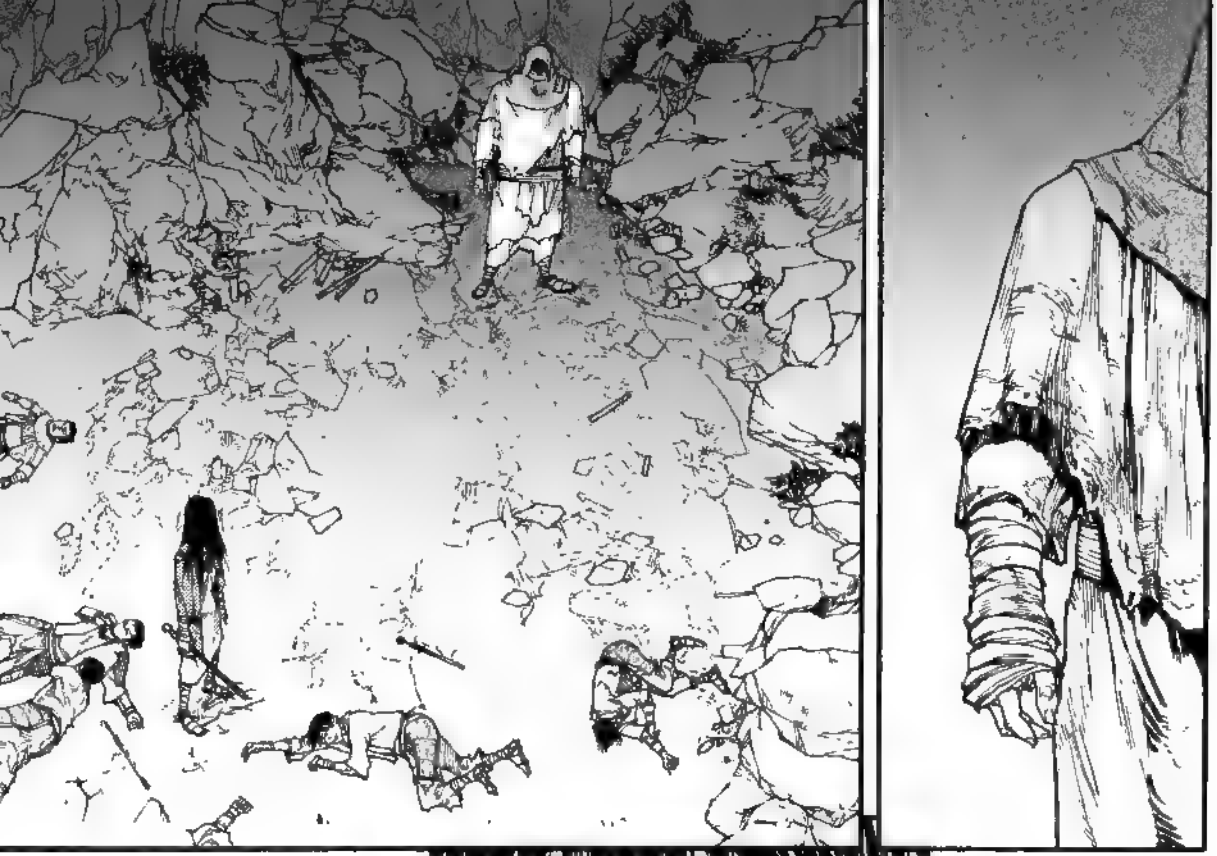

HE LOOKS DANGEROUS...

WELL, I HAVE TO GET PAST HIM IF I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE...

스
KFF
슥
SHFF
DASH
팟
TMP
TP
TP
TP
TP
타다다다다
악
SKKRRCH
촤
HYAAH!
부
웅
FWOOO

KANNG
챙
KANNG
챙
WOOSH
붕
FWOOO
웅
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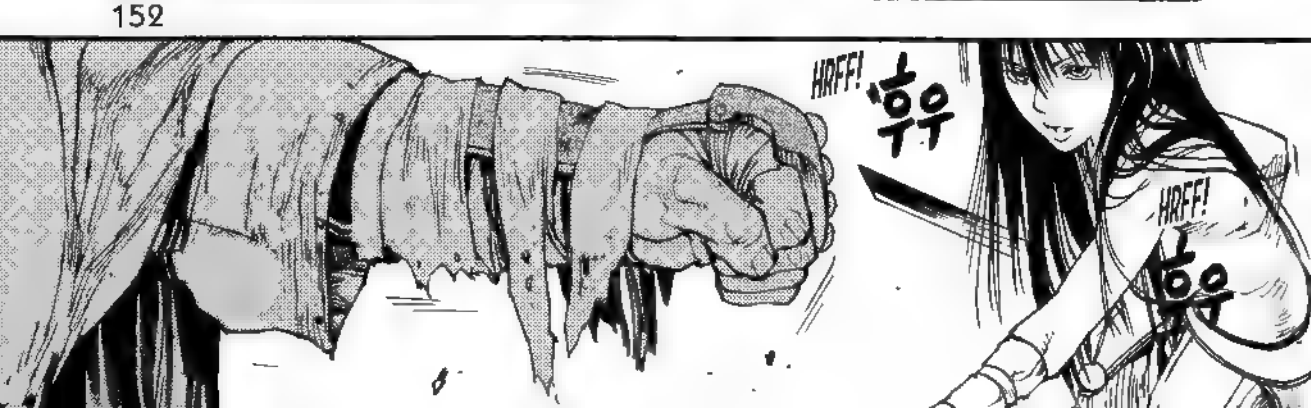
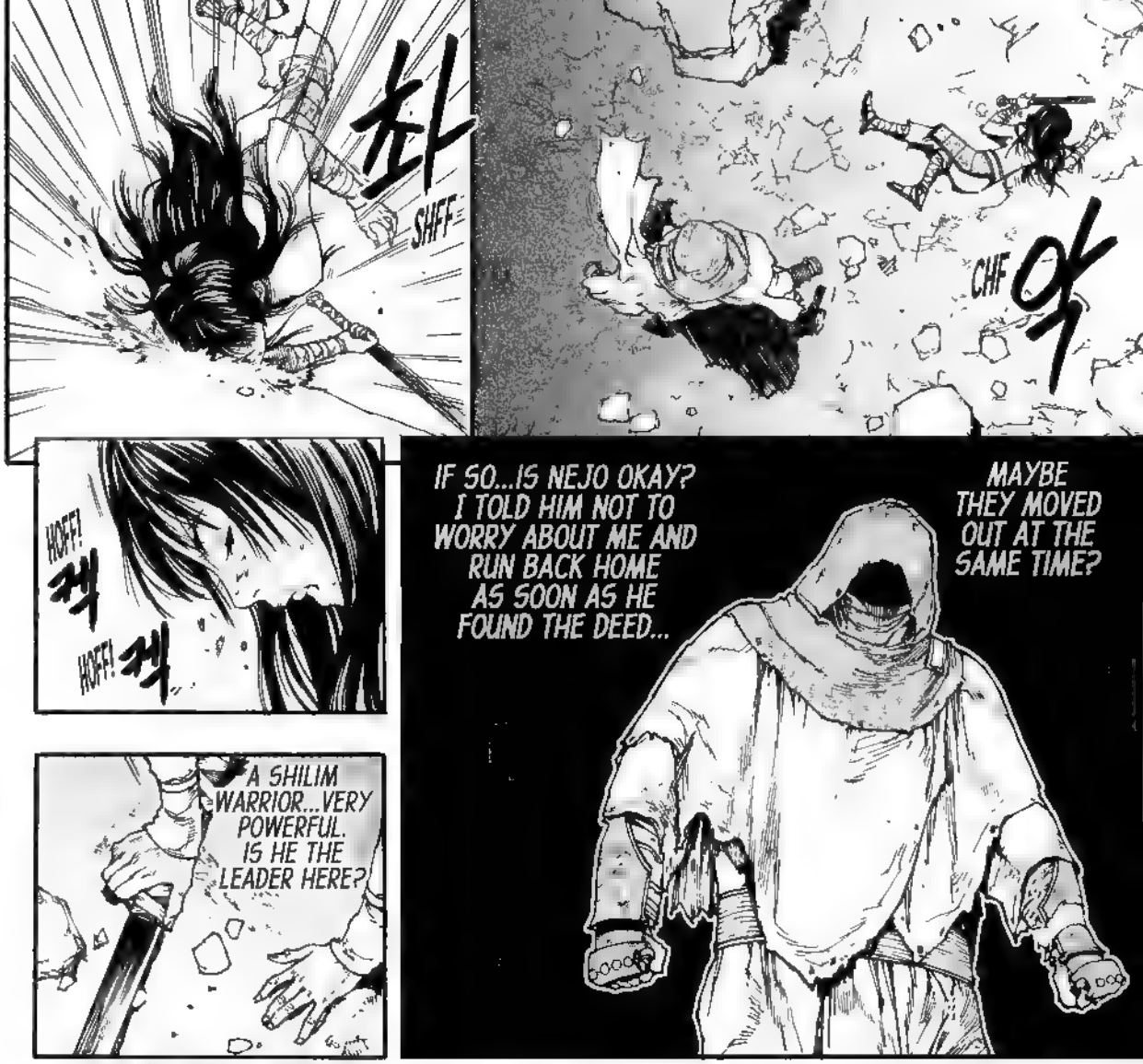

HRFF!
후우
HRFF!
후우

READY TO EAT THIS?!
FWOOO
153
CHFF

RAAH!
캉
KANNG
WSHH
KRAKK-


촤
SHFF
CHF
악
HUFF!
헉
HUFF!
헉
A SHILIM WARRIOR...VERY POWERFUL. IS HE THE LEADER HERE?
IF SO...IS NEJO OKAY? I TOLD HIM NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME AND RUN BACK HOME AS SOON AS HE FOUND THE DEED...
MAYBE THEY MOVED OUT AT THE SAME TIME?

SHILIM: KOREAN WRESTLING.

SHOOO
WSHAA

SHFF

KH OH
KAKANNG
DIE!

CHOK

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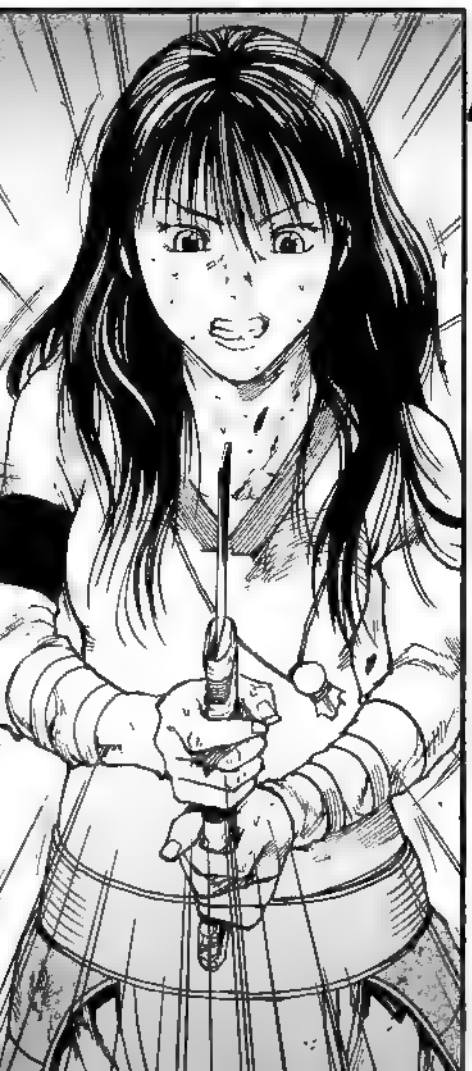

KAKRAKK
THAPP
SHUFF
FWSH

AH...
콱
SWOOSH
IF HE MANAGES TO THROW ME, IT'S OVER!

THPP
팁

빠
THWAKK
퍽
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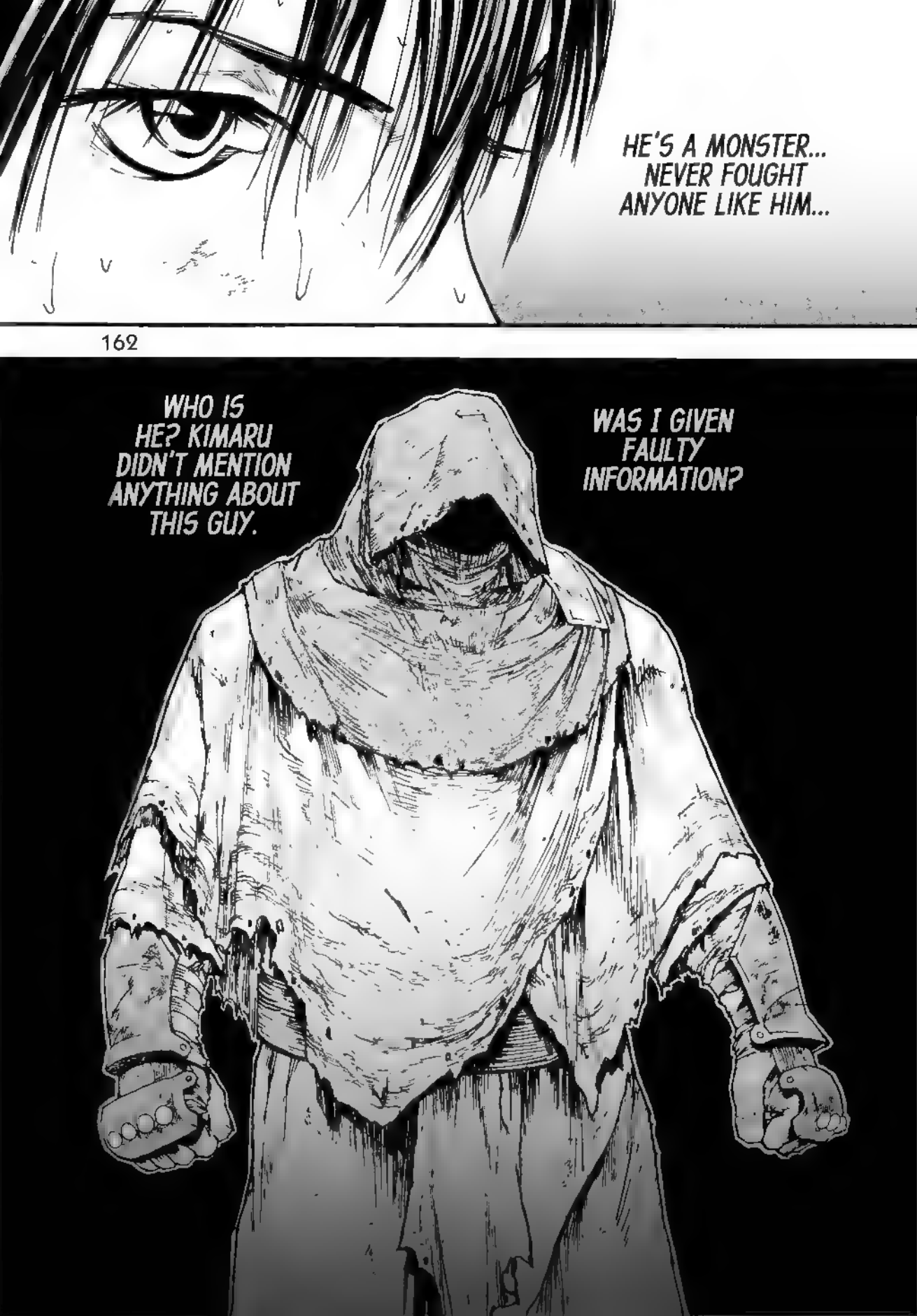
처
HRFF!
허억
HRFF!
허억


HE'S A MONSTER... NEVER FOUGHT ANYONE LIKE HIM...
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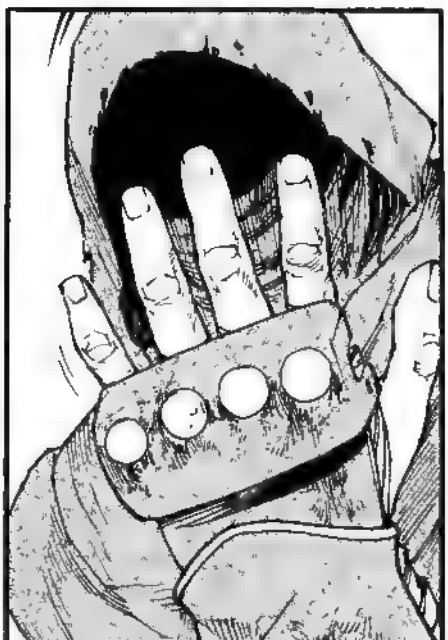
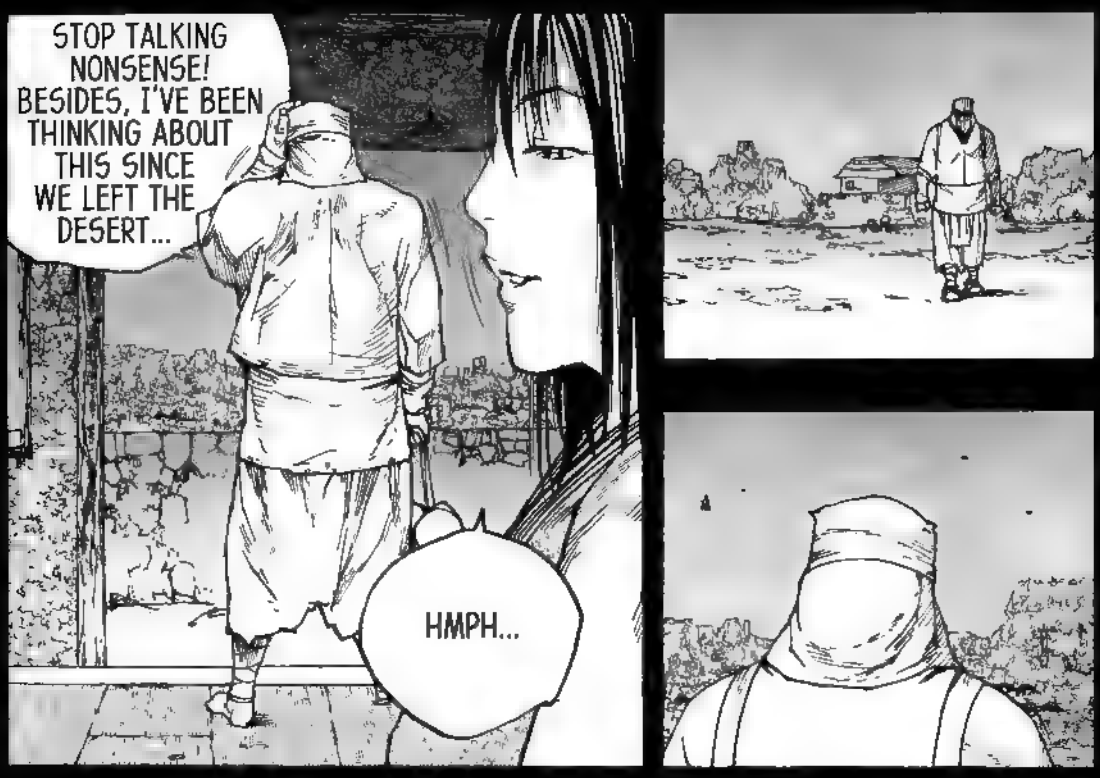
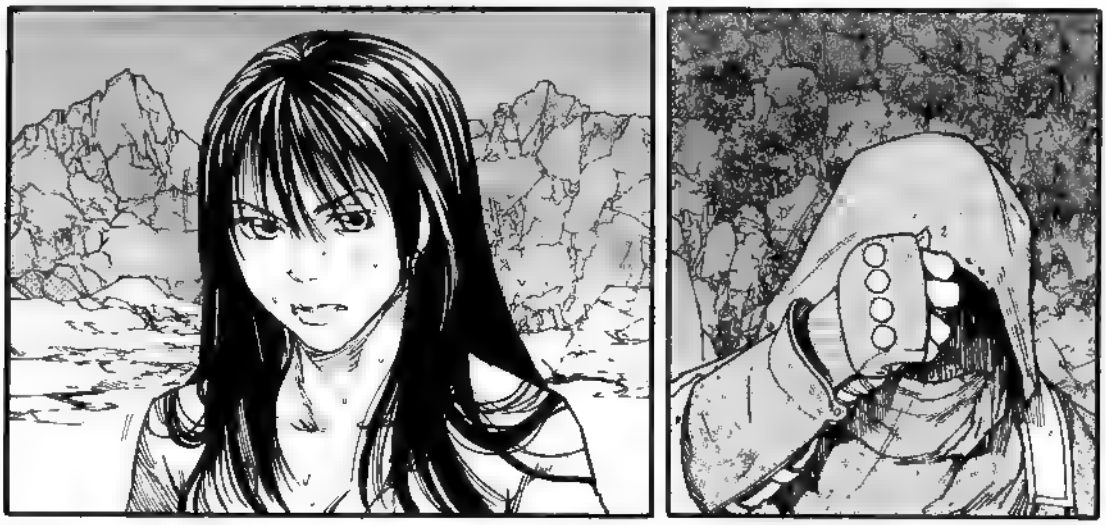
WHO IS HE? KIMARU DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THIS GUY.
WAS I GIVEN FAULTY INFORMATION?



WHAT'S THAT...? A PRESENT FOR YAKI?
OH, BROTHER! THAT'S YOUR FAREWELL GIFT? YOU WENT ALL OUT, HUH?
SHUFF
KNOCK IT OFF...

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS, BATU?
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE HER BEGGING AND CRYING.
NO, I MEAN *YOU.*
...


STOP TALKING NONSENSE! BESIDES, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS SINCE WE LEFT THE DESERT...
HMPH...



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BA...
...BATU?

YOU'VE GROWN UP STRONG, YAKI.

I...I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG...YOU... YOU REALLY CAME BACK FOR ME...

주르륵 DRIP PLIP

SHFF

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HK!

저벅 KNCH

KNCH 저벅

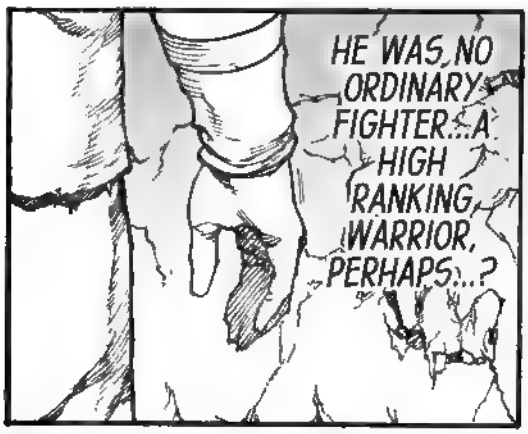
169

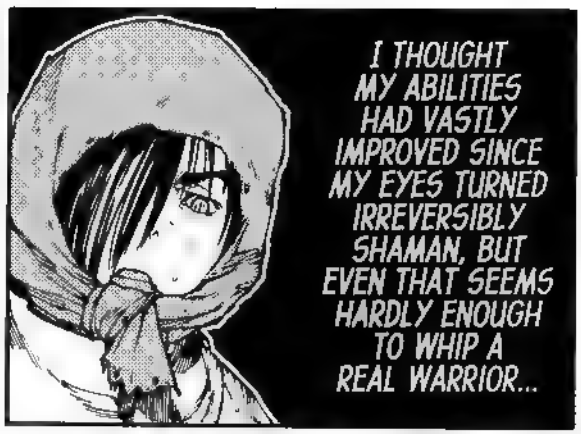
DON'T CRY.

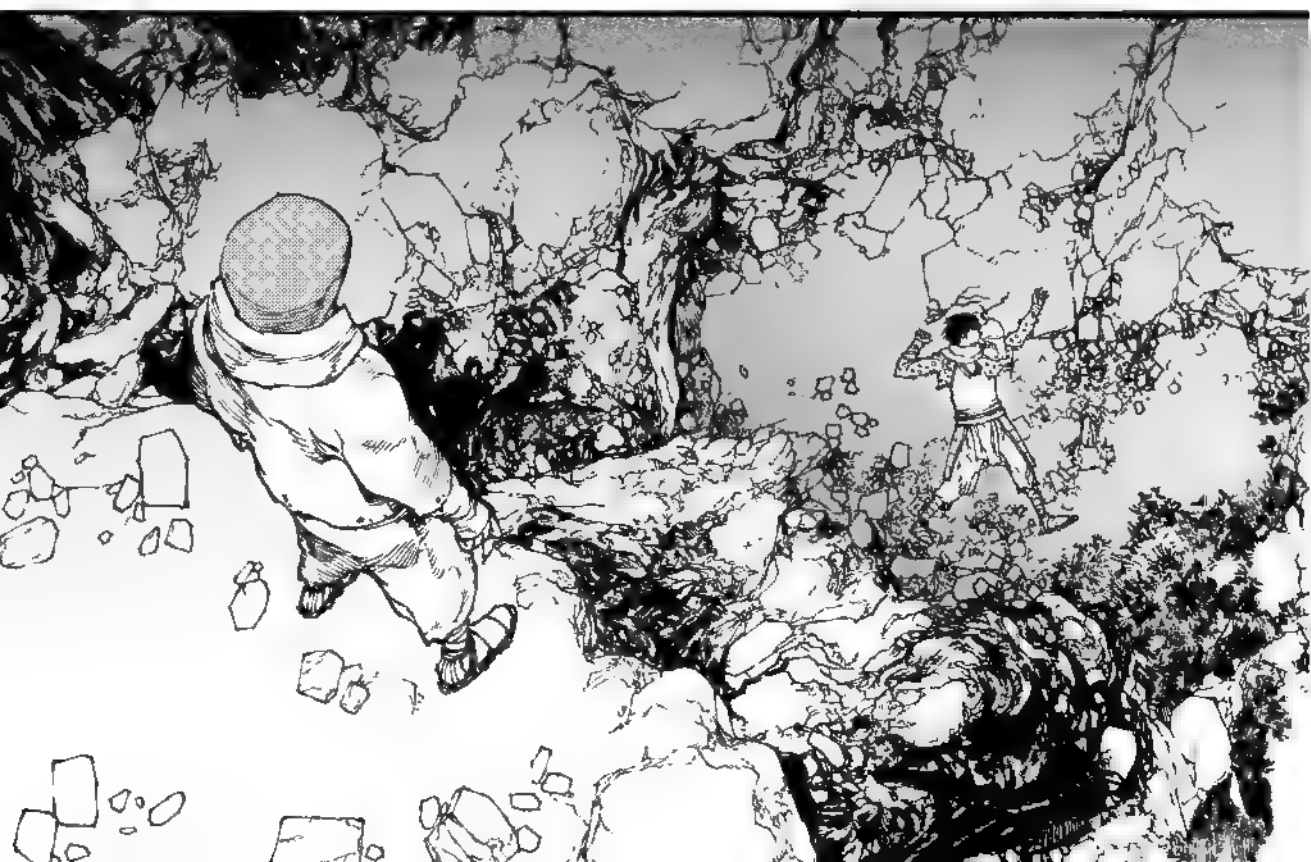
HRAAAGH !!
BRAKK
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN!
POOM
HOW COULD YOU JUST DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING?!
FUMP
FUMP
DO YOU KNOW HOW SCARED I WAS?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT MY LIFE HAS BEEN LIKE?!

으윽 SOB
으으윽 SOB
HKK!
으윽
TMP
털썩
I MISSED YOU, BATU...

하아
CHFF
하아
CHFF


HE WAS NO ORDINARY FIGHTER...A HIGH RANKING WARRIOR, PERHAPS...?


I THOUGHT MY ABILITIES HAD VASTLY IMPROVED SINCE MY EYES TURNED IRREVERSIBLY SHAMAN, BUT EVEN THAT SEEMS HARDLY ENOUGH TO WHIP A REAL WARRIOR...



斷
연구
口

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
다다다다
하아
HFF!
HFF!
하아
BKAM
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HWEEE
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두리번
KNCH
두리번
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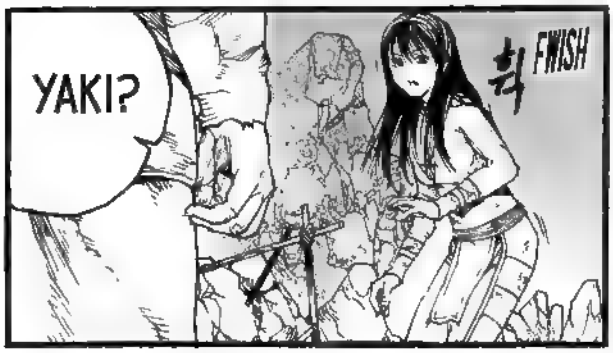
SHWFF
스윽


YAKI?
휙
FWISH

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YOU...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOWED ME AROUND *MARUCHETTE*, RIGHT?

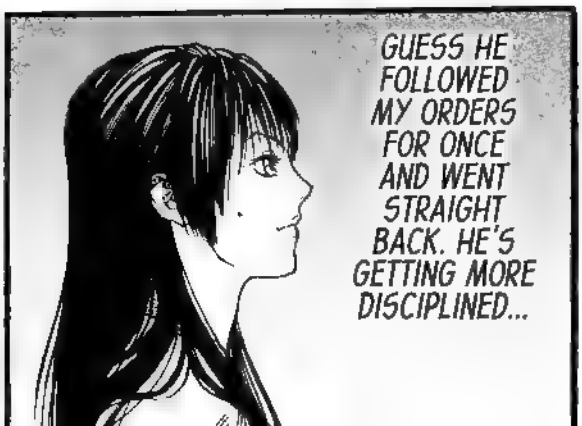
YOU REMEMBER.

HEY, DIDN'T YOU RUN INTO BATU DOWN THERE? WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP HERE AGAIN?
I CAME BACK TO GET MY PARTNER. DID YOU SEE HIM, BY ANY CHANCE?

ANOTHER ASSASSIN?
YES...

I HEARD HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN OFF BY THE TIME I GOT HERE. A WARRIOR FROM THIS CAMP MISTOOK ME FOR YOUR PARTNER AND ATTACKED ME.

AH...


GUESS HE FOLLOWED MY ORDERS FOR ONCE AND WENT STRAIGHT BACK. HE'S GETTING MORE DISCIPLINED...

GOOD. THEN I'LL BE FOLLOWING HIM BACK TO THE CAMP, NOW.
WSH
?
YAKI, YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THE BUTCHER CAMPS FROM NOW ON.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU ARE NO LONGER AN ASSASSIN. WE WENT THERE TO RETRIEVE YOU. WHEN WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE ON A MISSION, WE FOLLOWED YOU HERE.
BUT...BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS.

SIR, HAVEN'T YOU TOLD HER YET?
.....
YAKI, WE DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO FREE YOU...WE'RE IN NEED OF YOUR ABILITIES--
STOP!

IT'S ENOUGH THAT YAKI HAS GROWN UP AS WELL AS SHE HAS.
BUT, SIR--
I WILL NOT PASS THAT RESPONSIBLY TO ANYONE ELSE. THAT'S FOR ME ALONE. YAKI, YOU GO BACK HOME TO THE DESERT WHERE WATER RUNS.
YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE, AND YOU'RE PUTTING ALL OUR PLANS AT RISK.
THIS CONVERSATION IS *OVER!*
SIR...
DO YOU NEED SOMEONE ASSASSINATED ?

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
I'LL DO IT.

I NEED THE MONEY. BUT AFTER I GET PAID, I NEED TO RETURN TO THE CAMPS FOR SOME-THING.
LOOK, I CAN'T JUST VANISH! THERE'S A KID THERE I PROMISED TO LEAVE WITH!
I'VE ALREADY PAID YOUR WAY OUT, SO YOU HAVE NO NEED TO RETURN.
RRR...

BATU! I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THE ASSASSINS NOW. I'VE KILLED COUNTLESS PEOPLE! I CAN DO ANY JOB, BELIEVE ME...
SNNCH
FWOO
FWSH
I NEVER WANT TO HEAR THAT KIND OF TALK FROM YOU AGAIN.

WHAT?! YOU EXPECT ME TO SCURRY BACK TO THE DESERT AND SIT AROUND WAITING FOR YOU?! AGAIN?!
YAKI!
YOU EITHER INCLUDE ME IN YOUR PLANS, OR I'LL GO BACK TO THE CAMPS AND WORK TO BUY MYSELF OUT! I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANYMORE!

.....

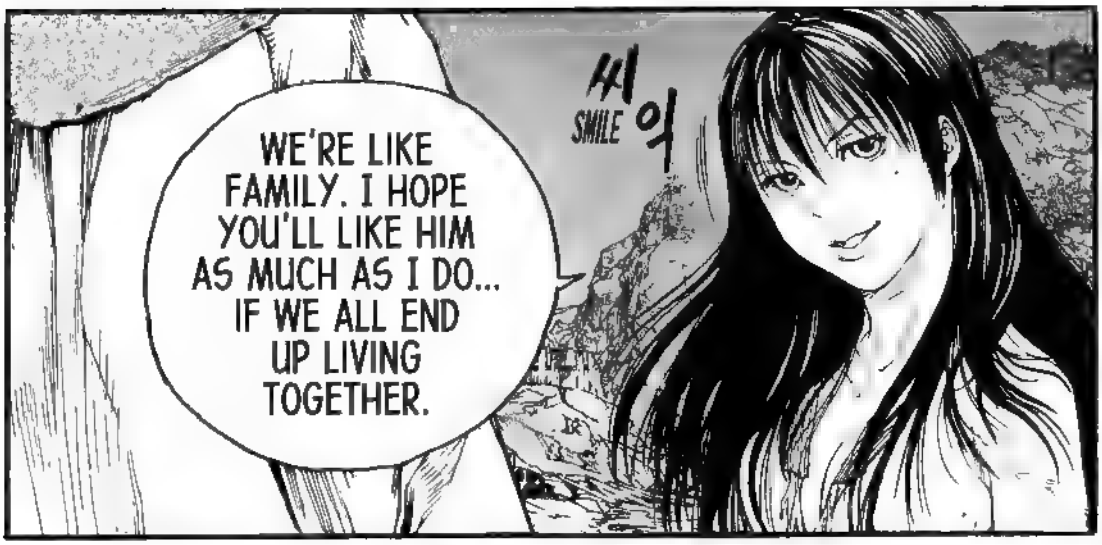
TRUST ME, BATU!

TRUST ME, BATU...

MASTER...

SHIK

WHO IS THIS KID YOU NEED TO LEAVE WITH?


WE'RE LIKE FAMILY. I HOPE YOU'LL LIKE HIM AS MUCH AS I DO... IF WE ALL END UP LIVING TOGETHER.
씨익
SMILE

I SEE.

WELL, THEN, I'M OFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMANDER.

GO.
SIR, WILL WE MEET AGAIN?
NO...AFTER I'M DONE WITH MY PART, I'M THROUGH DEALING WITH CLANS.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT. SIR, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO SAY...IF I HADN'T SHOWN UP AT YOUR DOORSTEP ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE HAPPEN TO YOU AND YAKI. I AM SO SORRY THAT--
슥
FWSH
IT WAS ALL FATED TO BE. NOTHING WOULD HAVE CHANGED... EVEN IF WE'D NEVER MET YOU.

SIR...
TAP TP TP TP
타다다다
NEJO... WAIT FOR ME, I'LL BE THERE SOON...
LET'S GO, YAKI.
OKAY.

UHH...
DID I FALL FROM...?
슥
SHIFT
NNGH!

휙 HWOO
CHFF 촤
약 SHOOO
THAPP 퍼

빠악
KRAKK
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT...?
YA... YAKI...

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틱
FLIK

LOOKS LIKE YOU NAILED THE LEADER ALREADY... WHERE'S THE DEED?

씨익
GRIN

SHUFF
뒤적

SNATCH
촥
SHUFF
뒤적

HA! JOB COMPLETE! THANKS TO THIS, I'LL BE THE CAPTAIN FROM NOW ON!
WHA... WHAT...?
YOU WERE DUE THREE DAYS AGO. WE WERE SENT WHEN YOU DIDN'T RETURN...
I'VE BEEN OUT FOR THREE DAYS...?
WH-WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN YAKI?
YAKI? HMM, WE'VE BEEN WONDERING THE SAME THING. KHEH HEH HEH!

WSH
BUT LOOK WHAT I FOUND...
KANK
PRETTY OBVIOUS, AIN'T IT? ONCE HER SWORD WAS BROKEN, SHE WAS PROBABLY KILLED... THEN THROWN INTO THE WATERFALL. IF SHE HAD ESCAPED, SHE PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN BACK TO THE CAMP BY NOW, NO?

THE CAPTAIN WOULDN'T DIE SO EASILY...
ANYWAY, YOU BETTER GET YOUR ASS BACK RIGHT AWAY. OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED FOR YOUR FAILURE.
SHE NEVER PARTS WITH THIS SWORD...
SHUT UP! I DON'T GIVE A RAT'S ASS ABOUT THAT BITCH! NOW BEAT IT!
IS SHE'S REALLY DEAD, FIND ME HER BODY...
I SAID SHUT YOUR HOLE!
KSHHK

SHHK
I...
...I WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT HER.
THEN DIE!
WSHH
SHOOO

콰악
CHOKK
!
SSPSHH
푸아
콰
WHMP
덩

NEJO! HOW DARE YOU?! YOU...
KCHINNG
I...I CAN'T GO BACK LIKE THIS.
YOU CRAZY BASTARD!!
TMP
FMP

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YAKI !!
YA... YAKI...
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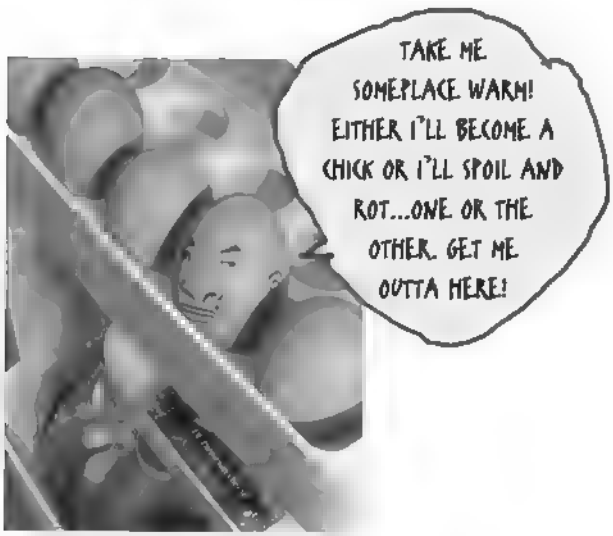
Author's Note

Even after forty chapters, I have no idea what I'm going to write or in which style I'm going to draw when the paper is in front of me.

My brain feels empty.
I'm deathly afraid of that blank sheet of paper . . .
I want to be able to relax and enjoy myself when I draw comics, but first I need to hatch and become a chick.

—Park Joong-Ki



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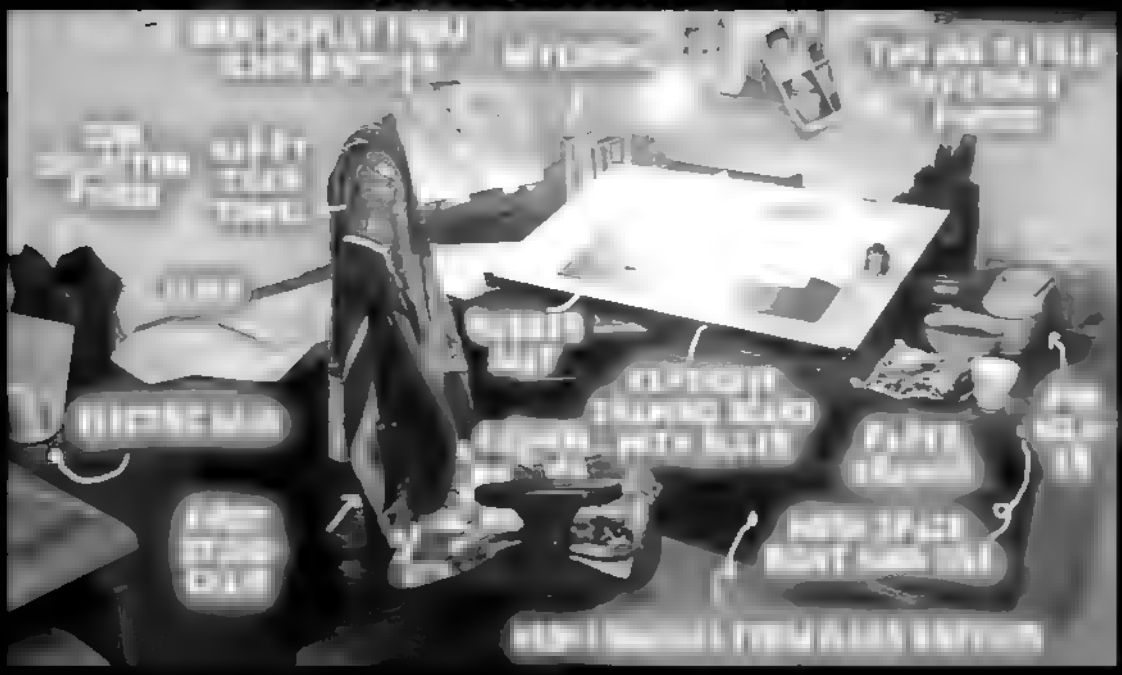

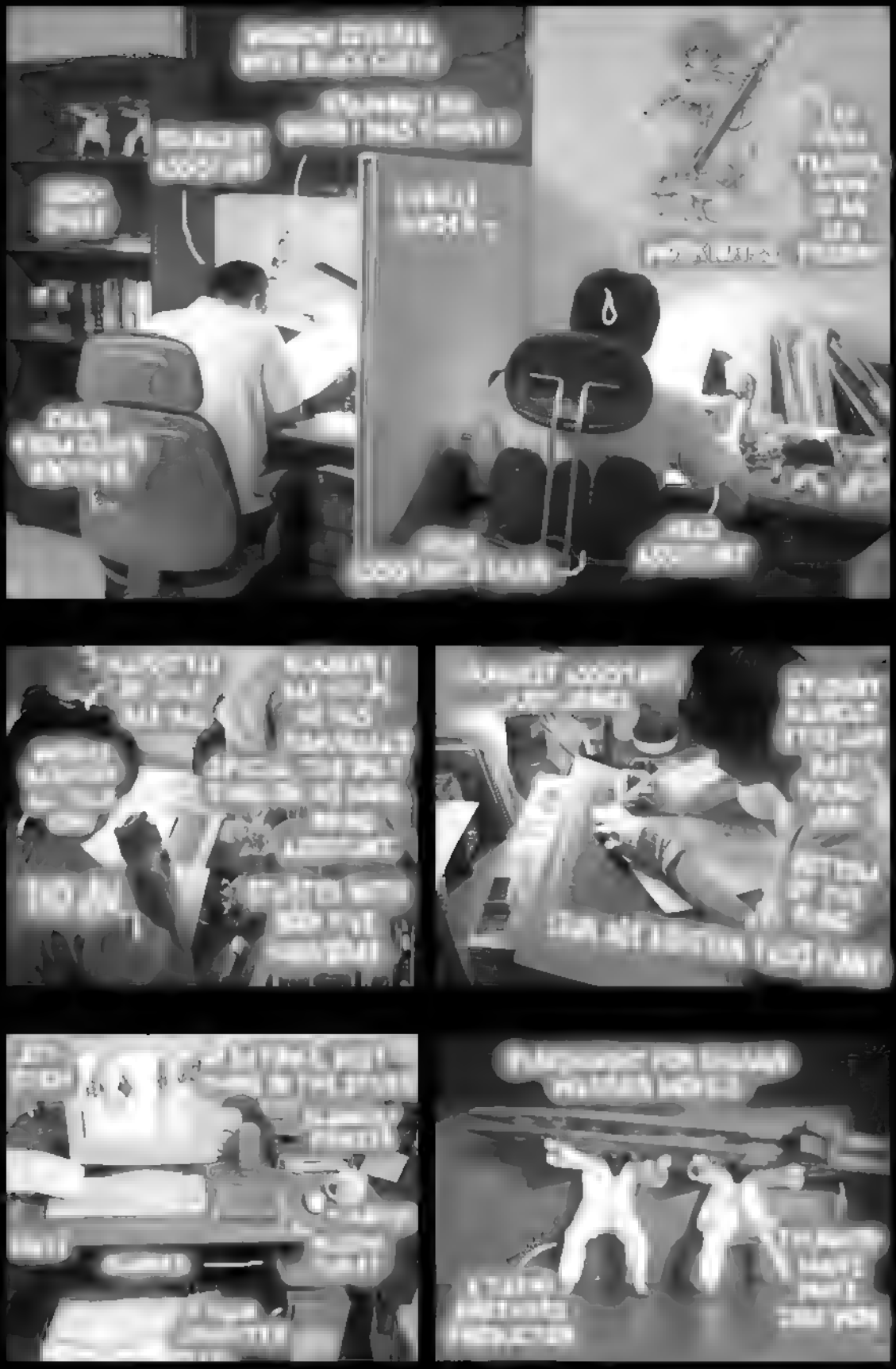

Daily Schedule for Studio Staff

1. Limit playing freestyle to only five times a day.
   (If you don't comply, you'll be banned from freestyle for one week...)

2. Exercise more than one hour every day
   (Rest when it's raining...)

3. Clean up after you wake up every morning (doesn't apply when a deadline is tight)
   *Oh, please let the deadlines always be tight!

4. Take a shower every day so you maintain a good body fragrance.

5. Work for more than twelve hours!
   (Right, I'll see about this...)

6. When you rest, rest well.
   (However, if you rest too much, it will be deducted from your sleeping hours...)

7. Sleep for six hours!
   (Eight hours!)

If you don't comply with these rules, your butt will become lopsided—
and you will have a daughter who has the face of Joong-Ki, the body
of Dae-Hyeok, and the voice of Tae-Yeong.

We all have to comply with the above rules...
(Well, maybe not the president...)

— President Park Joong-Ki
Staff: Jeong "Dae-Bal" Dae-Hyeok · Choi Tae-Yeong

Translated by Heejeong Haas, who adds this note: Concerning rule one remember how Joong-Ki was talking about billiards in the previous *Shaman Warrior* volume? Here, he means playing billiards freestyle with his pals. He's not talking about a swimming stroke.

(**Editor's note:** "freestyle" pool is the same as playing "sloppy," when formal rules don't apply and Lady Luck has a better chance of helping you out.)

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